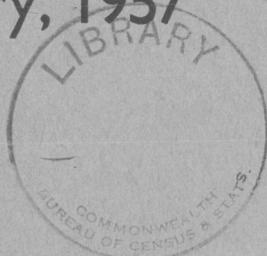


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Period	Employment : Wage and Salary Earners (excluding rural workers, females in private domestic service, and defence forces)*			Wages and Salaries Paid (Weekly Average)*	New Houses and Flats : Private and Government	
	Males	Females	Persons		Approved	Completed
Year : 1938-39	Number at end of period—thousands			£ thousand	Number of Dwelling Units	
1949-50	529.9	168.0	697.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1950-51	740.8	278.5	1,019.3	9,018	35,029	19,841
1951-52	758.2	291.0	1,049.2	11,385	37,988	20,737
1952-53	754.4	270.5	1,024.9	14,364	24,419	24,576
1953-54	734.3	266.2	1,000.5	15,090	23,156	26,554
1954-55	758.1	279.5	1,037.6	16,043	30,655	27,524
1955-56	779.2	292.5	1,071.7	17,357	29,883	29,583
	787.8	300.5	1,088.3	18,955	25,527	27,145
1955: July	776.9	293.0	1,069.9	18,454	2,198	7,187
Aug.	780.1	294.5	1,074.6		2,244	
Sept.	779.8	295.9	1,075.7		2,524	
Oct.	779.4	297.7	1,077.1		2,303	
Nov.	784.1	301.5	1,085.6		2,292	
Dec.	786.1	303.4	1,089.5		1,880	
1956: Jan.	777.3	298.5	1,075.8	18,229	1,779	6,163
Feb.	786.7	300.9	1,087.6		1,847	
Mar.	785.8	301.1	1,086.9		2,006	
Apr.	787.8	300.4	1,088.2		1,794	
May	788.6	300.7	1,089.3		2,453	
June	787.8	300.5	1,088.3		2,207	
July	786.1	299.5	1,085.6		2,340	
Aug.	786.6	299.2	1,085.8		2,236	
Sept.	786.8	300.1	1,086.9		2,176	
Oct.	785.2	301.0	1,086.2		2,263	
Nov.	790.2	304.0	1,094.2		2,252	
Dec.	n.y.a.	n.y.a. <sup>1</sup>	n.y.a.		1,653	n.y.a.

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Period	Wool Sold at Auction*	Overseas Trade (Merchandise only)		Major Private Trading Banks		Savings Bank Deposits
		Imports	Exports	Deposits	Advances	
Year	£ thousand	£A million, f.o.b.		At end of period—£ million		
1938-39	15,521	49.9	37.7	117.1	120.5	87.5
1949-50	107,714	214.0	216.6	394.0	166.2	258.9
1950-51	228,204	301.7	325.6	467.9	197.9	284.5
1951-52	105,261	426.8	193.9	413.6	276.0	304.5
1952-53	151,348	206.9	249.5	448.6	243.7	319.1
1953-54	144,795	277.9	249.3	483.1	281.6	339.8
1954-55	122,999	343.5	207.6	475.6	342.5	358.6
1955-56	115,699	334.2	217.2	450.8	329.7	386.7
1955: July	201	22.5	17.2	467.6	348.7	360.4
Aug.	3,317	29.3	13.2	462.4	342.7	358.9
Sept.	13,299	28.8	13.9	455.3	343.8	359.5
Oct.	12,132	29.4	17.6	460.4	348.3	362.2
Nov.	17,065	31.3	22.3	468.5	347.1	361.8
Dec.	7,113	24.3	21.6	475.4	341.3	364.1
1956: Jan.	13,795	26.9	15.6	477.5	324.3	367.3
Feb.	5,492	24.8	6.4	473.4	316.6	371.2
Mar.	14,921	30.4	23.2	473.6	315.9	374.4
Apr.	8,401	29.6	24.4	472.2	322.7	375.7
May	11,254	31.1	26.6	460.3	328.4	376.7
June	8,709	25.8	15.2	450.8	329.7	386.7
July	265	25.7	13.0	445.8	333.9	390.3
Aug.	5,881	31.2	15.8	446.0	329.0	394.7
Sept.	16,770	23.4	17.9	446.9	325.4	395.7
Oct.	19,748	24.2	27.0	455.2	325.8	403.2
Nov.	21,018	24.2	27.8	471.8	325.5	405.5
Dec.	12,692	23.3	25.2	487.8	324.8	406.2

\* See notes to relevant table.

X. Wages and Salaries Estimates: Employment in Industrial Groups in N.S.W.

Statistics of New South Wales (See notes above page 54)

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14.		18.	23.	23.	23.	Table No.
N.S.W. Government Railways		New Cars, Taxis, Buses and Lorries, etc. Registered	Coal Production	Electricity Generated	Ingot Steel Production	Period
Passenger Journeys	Goods (ex- cluding live- stock) Carried					
Millions	Thousand tons	Number	Thousand tons	Mill. kWh.	Thousand tons	
146.7	14,679	28,335	9,987†	1,948	1,168‡	1938-39: Year
258.2	15,890	61,656	11,290	3,758	1,266	1949-50
268.6	17,131	76,172	12,683	4,241	1,405	1950-51
268.2	18,528	67,448	14,800	4,628	1,473	1951-52
271.7	17,877	50,057	14,289	4,868	1,846	1952-53
278.9	19,351	64,993	15,011	5,450	2,086	1953-54
281.4	18,667	81,118	14,660	5,951	2,162	1954-55
280.5	18,056	82,172	14,631	6,495	2,329	1955-56
23.0	1,626	7,601	1,366	582	192	July: 1955
24.3	1,728	7,970	1,454	569	194	Aug.
22.7	1,619	8,033	1,383	533	185	Sept.
24.6	1,521	7,335	1,291	531	190	Oct.
22.6	1,583	7,513	1,329	528	188	Nov.
22.3	1,542	7,035	1,077	505	189	Dec.
23.8	1,154	4,950	638	493	193	Jan.: 1956
22.6	1,372	6,269	1,103	510	189	Feb.
23.2	1,407	7,207	1,101	542	198	Mar.
24.6	1,440	6,037	1,195	517	184	Apr.
23.4	1,566	6,531	1,369	591	214	May
23.4	1,498	5,691	1,325	594	213	June
22.7	1,618	6,327	1,449†	634	226	July
21.1	1,701	6,408	1,473†	621	203	Aug.
21.6	1,512	5,542	1,312†	569	225	Sept.
24.7	1,695	6,605	1,468†	575	223	Oct.
21.4	1,650	6,778	1,425†	566	243	Nov.
21.4	1,322	5,619	988p	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	Dec.
42.	46.	47.	52.	54.	55.	Table No.
Trading Banks : Debits to Customers' Accounts.*	Sydney Stock Exchange Share Values	Real Estate Transfers and Conveyances	Wholesale Prices (Aust.) Index *	Retail Prices : Total "C" Series Index (Sydney)*	Basic Wage, Sydney (State Awards)	Period
Weekly Average £ million.	Index *	£ thousand	Average 1936-37 to 1938-39 = 100	Wtd. Av. for 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000	s. per week	
n.a.	175.6	35,272	100	928	81s	1938-39 : Year
105	270.0	125,952	204	1504	135s	1949-50
145	334.1	192,311	244	1729	173s	1950-51
157	301.0	179,581	297	2140	216s	1951-52
152	253.1	143,909	319	2327	238s	1952-53
172	267.0	188,032	319	2384	243	1953-54
188	294.4	218,799	322	2398	243	1954-55
201	312.6	230,300	334	2493	255s	1955-56
202	325.6	21,974	333		243	July: 1955
187	324.0	22,956	332	2455	243	Aug.
194	317.3	16,757	333		243	Sept.
203	317.4	24,045	332		243	Oct.
216	312.8	19,357	330	2471	253	Nov.
214	313.9	17,017	329		253	Dec.
184	316.1	17,480	330		253	Jan.: 1956
187	314.2	19,160	329		255	Feb.
200	307.9	19,000	338		255	Mar.
201	305.7	16,762	339		255	Apr.
218	301.1	18,352	344		256	May
204	295.5	17,440	341		256	June
215	294.4	20,256	343p		256	July
189	300.1	19,779	344p		263	Aug.
201	305.8	16,680	347p		263	Sept.
222	308.2	22,268	344p		263	Oct.
226	304.6	18,137	342p		274	Nov.
232	303.1	15,502	343p		274	Dec.

† Estimated.

‡ Year ended 31st May.

§ Operative from February.

¶ See Table 54.

## 2. Wage and Salary Earners : Employment by Principal Industrial Groups in N.S.W.

(See notes above Table 3.)

Month	Mining and Quarrying	Factories †	Building and Construction	Transport and Communication	Finance and Property	Wholesale Trade, etc.	Retail Trade	Professional and Personal Services ‡	Total Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment*
Thousands									
MALES									
1939: July	24.7	158.8	57.9	77.4	..... 59.0 .....	44.0	56.6	529.9	
1946: June	25.8	236.3	44.1	96.8	16.5	33.4	40.6	56.1	618.5
1952: June	31.6	274.7	76.1	115.2	22.0	47.3	49.0	67.2	754.4
1953: June	30.1	272.2	63.3	113.5	22.2	46.2	48.8	67.1	734.3
1954: June	30.9	283.8	69.3	114.0	22.5	48.3	50.6	67.6	758.1
1955: May	30.2	291.6	72.2	117.1	23.0	50.3	51.0	69.8	777.3
June	30.3	291.7	72.9	117.2	23.1	50.7	50.9	70.2	779.2
July	30.4	289.8	73.3	117.4	23.0	50.1	50.9	70.0	776.9
Aug.	30.3	292.5	72.6	117.7	23.0	50.6	50.8	70.4	780.1
Sept.	30.2	292.2	72.8	117.4	23.0	50.9	50.6	70.4	779.8
Oct.	30.0	292.7	72.7	116.8	22.9	51.0	50.7	70.4	779.4
Nov.	29.9	294.4	72.8	117.3	22.9	51.5	52.3	70.9	784.1
1956: May	29.2	295.0	75.9	118.0	24.0	51.4	50.7	71.9	788.6
June	29.4	294.1	76.4	117.7	24.0	51.1	50.5	71.7	787.8
July	29.4	292.6	76.9	117.9	24.0	50.4	50.4	71.7	786.1
Aug.	29.8	292.9	76.8	117.9	23.9	50.8	50.3	71.5	786.6
Sept.	29.8	293.1	76.8	117.6	24.0	51.4	50.0	71.5	786.8
Oct.	29.7	293.0	76.2	116.8	23.9	51.2	50.2	71.8	785.2
Nov.	29.5	294.2	77.5	116.8	24.0	52.0	51.8	72.0	790.2
FEMALES									
1939: July	0.1	59.3	0.5	4.2	..... 8.5 .....	36.0	49.1	168.0	
1946: June	0.2	82.3	0.9	13.0	10.1	10.9	39.1	73.3	242.3
1952: June	0.4	84.2	1.7	15.7	14.6	15.7	42.8	83.6	270.5
1953: June	0.3	86.0	1.8	14.0	14.2	15.1	41.0	82.2	266.2
1954: June	0.3	92.9	2.0	14.3	15.1	16.2	43.1	84.1	279.5
1955: May	0.4	96.4	2.1	15.0	16.7	17.5	45.4	87.5	293.1
June	0.3	96.5	2.1	15.1	16.8	17.4	44.8	87.3	292.5
July	0.3	96.5	2.1	15.2	16.9	17.3	45.2	87.3	293.0
Aug.	0.3	97.2	2.1	15.2	16.9	17.7	45.1	87.9	294.5
Sept.	0.3	98.0	2.1	15.2	16.9	17.6	45.5	88.2	295.9
Oct.	0.3	99.0	2.1	15.3	17.0	17.7	45.8	88.6	297.7
Nov.	0.3	98.9	2.1	15.7	17.0	18.0	48.3	89.2	301.5
1956: May	0.4	97.4	2.2	15.7	18.6	18.0	45.8	90.3	300.7
June	0.4	97.5	2.3	15.7	18.5	17.7	45.5	90.3	300.2
July	0.4	96.9	2.3	15.7	18.4	17.8	45.4	90.1	299.5
Aug.	0.3	97.1	2.3	15.7	18.4	17.8	44.8	90.4	299.2
Sept.	0.3	97.8	2.3	15.6	18.4	17.8	44.9	90.6	300.1
Oct.	0.3	98.1	2.3	15.6	18.3	18.0	45.1	91.0	301.0
Nov.	0.3	98.2	2.3	15.8	18.5	18.1	47.3	91.3	304.0
PERSONS									
1939: July	24.8	218.1	58.4	81.6	..... 67.5 .....	80.0	105.7	697.9	
1946: June	26.0	318.6	45.0	109.8	26.6	44.3	79.7	129.4	860.8
1952: June	32.0	358.9	77.8	130.9	36.6	63.0	91.8	150.8	1,024.9
1953: June	30.4	358.2	65.1	127.5	36.4	61.3	89.8	149.3	1,000.5
1954: June	31.2	376.7	71.3	128.3	37.6	64.5	93.7	151.7	1,037.6
1955: May	30.6	388.0	74.3	132.1	39.7	67.8	96.4	157.3	1,070.4
June	30.6	388.2	75.0	132.3	39.9	68.1	95.7	157.5	1,071.7
July	30.7	386.3	75.4	132.6	39.9	67.4	96.1	157.3	1,069.9
Aug.	30.6	389.7	74.7	132.9	39.9	68.3	95.9	158.3	1,074.6
Sept.	30.5	390.2	74.9	132.6	39.9	68.5	96.1	158.6	1,075.7
Oct.	30.3	391.7	74.8	132.1	39.9	68.7	96.5	159.0	1,077.1
Nov.	30.2	393.3	74.9	133.0	39.9	69.5	100.6	160.1	1,085.6
1956: May	29.6	392.4	78.1	133.7	42.6	69.4	96.5	162.2	1,089.3
June	29.8	391.6	78.7	133.4	42.5	68.8	96.0	162.0	1,088.0
July	29.8	389.5	79.2	133.6	42.4	68.2	95.8	161.8	1,085.6
Aug.	30.1	390.0	79.1	133.6	42.3	68.6	95.1	161.9	1,085.8
Sept.	30.1	390.9	79.1	133.2	42.4	69.2	94.9	162.1	1,086.9
Oct.	30.0	391.1	78.5	132.4	42.2	69.2	95.3	162.8	1,086.2
Nov.	29.8	392.4	79.8	132.6	42.5	70.1	99.1	163.3	1,094.2

\* Including miscellaneous groups (72,400 males, 12,200 females, 84,600 persons in November 1956) not shown in the table. † From July, 1949, subject to revision. ‡ Includes Education, Health, Law, Hotels and Restaurants and other Professional and Personal Services.

### 3. Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment in N.S.W.—Governmental and Private

(Excluding Rural Workers, Females in Private Domestic Service and Defence Forces.)

(1) Particulars in Tables 2 and 3 are estimates based on the National Register of 1939, the Civilian Register of 1943, and the Occupation Survey of 1945, and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth pay-roll taxation and by governmental authorities.

(2) The Pay-roll Tax returns show the number of employees whose names appeared on the last pay-roll of the month, irrespective of whether they were actually working at the end of the month.

(3) Workers in rural industry, females in private domestic service, members of the full-time defence forces at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded.

Month	Government Authorities*			Private Employment			Total Employment		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Thousands									
1939 : July	136.5	19.4	155.9	393.4	148.6	542.0	529.9	168.0	697.9
1943 : June	157.1	45.1	202.2	368.0	209.3	577.3	525.1	254.4	779.5
1945 : June	156.0	43.6	199.6	380.0	204.3	584.3	536.0	247.9	783.9
1946 : June	169.0	33.4	202.4	449.5	208.9	658.4	618.5	242.3	860.8
1947 : June	178.2	32.3	210.5	493.6	219.8	713.4	671.8	252.1	923.9
1948 : June	186.1	33.6	219.7	516.2	228.3	744.5	702.3	261.9	964.2
1949 : May†	193.8	35.7	229.5	527.6	234.2	761.8	721.4	269.9	991.3
1950 : June	202.7	39.1	241.8	538.1	239.4	777.5	740.8	278.5	1,019.3
1951 : June	207.2	41.4	248.6	551.0	249.6	800.6	758.2	291.0	1,049.2
1952 : June	214.0	41.9	255.9	540.4	228.6	769.0	754.4	270.5	1,024.9
1953 : June	206.8	39.3	246.1	527.5	226.9	754.4	734.3	266.2	1,000.5
1954 : June	210.6	40.0	250.6	547.5	239.5	787.0	758.1	279.5	1,037.6
1955 : June	215.2	42.3	257.5	564.0	250.2	814.2	779.2	292.5	1,071.7
July	213.3	42.4	255.7	563.6	250.6	814.2	776.9	293.0	1,069.9
Aug.	215.2	42.7	257.9	564.9	251.8	816.7	780.1	294.5	1,074.6
Sept.	214.5	42.7	257.2	565.3	253.2	818.5	779.8	295.9	1,075.7
Oct.	214.0	42.7	256.7	565.4	255.0	820.4	779.4	297.7	1,077.1
Nov.	214.0	43.2	257.2	570.1	258.3	828.4	784.1	301.5	1,085.6
Dec.	215.1	42.8	257.9	571.0	260.6	831.6	786.1	303.4	1,089.5
1956 : Jan.	214.2	43.1	257.3	563.1	255.4	818.5	777.3	298.5	1,075.8
Feb.	215.0	43.9	258.9	571.7	257.0	828.7	786.7	300.9	1,087.6
Mar.	214.9	44.0	258.9	570.9	257.1	828.0	785.8	301.1	1,086.9
Apr.	215.2	43.9	259.1	572.6	256.5	829.1	787.8	300.4	1,088.2
May	216.1	44.1	260.2	572.5	256.6	829.1	788.6	300.7	1,089.3
June	216.7	44.2	260.9	571.1	256.0	827.1	787.8	300.2	1,088.0
July	217.4	44.6	262.0	568.7	254.9	823.6	786.1	299.5	1,085.6
Aug.	217.0	44.4	261.4	569.6	254.8	824.4	786.6	299.2	1,085.8
Sept.	215.1	44.2	259.3	571.7	255.9	827.6	786.8	300.1	1,086.9
Oct.	213.7	44.0	257.7	571.5	257.0	828.5	785.2	301.0	1,086.2
Nov.	214.1	44.1	258.2	576.1	259.9	836.0	790.2	304.0	1,094.2

\* Employees of Commonwealth, State, local, and allied governmental authorities.

† June, 1949, affected by an industrial dispute in coal mines and power restrictions.

### 4. Employment in Larger Private Factories, New South Wales

In order to provide a prompt indication of the trend of employment in private factories, a survey of employment in 628 larger privately-owned factories in New South Wales is made each month, by joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Commonwealth Statistician. Approximately half of total factory employment is covered by the collection, the results of which are available one month earlier than particulars of total factory employment shown in Table 2.

Industrial Group	Larger Private Factories—Employment at end of Month								
	Males			Females			Persons		
	1956			1956			1956		
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Building Materials ...	13,439	13,438	13,434	1,477	1,486	1,466	14,916	14,924	14,900
Basic Metals ...	31,617	31,961	32,188	1,487	1,472	1,473	33,104	33,433	33,661
Transportation Equipment ...	18,108	17,656	17,601	1,892	1,771	1,752	20,000	19,427	19,353
Other Metal Manufacture ...	37,326	37,381	37,379	9,525	9,596	9,603	46,851	46,977	46,982
Chemicals and Allied Products ...	6,847	6,845	6,815	2,150	2,137	2,126	8,997	8,982	8,941
Clothing and Textiles ...	10,727	10,699	10,702	18,379	18,194	18,059	29,106	28,893	28,761
Food ...	13,748	13,651	13,717	5,764	5,749	5,965	19,512	19,400	19,682
All Other ...	17,630	17,752	17,664	5,319	5,227	5,185	22,949	22,979	22,849
Total—All Groups ...	149,442	149,383	149,500	45,993	45,632	45,629	195,435	195,015	195,129
Excluding Food ...	135,694	135,732	135,783	40,229	39,883	39,664	175,923	175,615	175,447

### 5. Wages and Salaries Paid and Average Earnings, N.S.W.\*

Year.	Total Wages and Salaries Paid : Weekly Average †	Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit ‡	Quarter	Total Wages and Salaries Paid : Weekly Average †				Average Weekly Earnings per Male Unit ‡			
				1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57				1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57			
				£ thousand	£	£ thousand	£	£ thousand	£	£ thousand	£
1948-49	8,133	8.73	Sept. Qr.	15,654	16,765	18,454	19,613	16.01	16.60	17.79	18.75
1949-50	9,018	9.50	Dec. Qr.	16,753	17,918	19,683		16.87	17.53	18.83	
1950-51	11,385	11.46	Mar. Qr.	15,303	16,511	18,229		15.33	16.07	17.46	
1951-52	14,364	14.24	June Qr.	16,463	18,235	19,453		16.38	17.64	18.57	
1952-53	15,090	15.50									
1953-54	16,043	16.15									
1954-55	17,357	16.96									
1955-56	18,955	18.16									

\* Includes Australian Capital Territory.

† Excludes pay of members of the armed forces.

‡ Total

wages divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

### 6. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales\*: Amount of Benefits Paid and Admissions to Unemployment Benefit

Period	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit during Period			Amount of Benefits Paid during Period			
	Males	Females	Persons	Unemploy-ment	Benefits Paid during Period		
					£	£	£
Year: 1949-50‡	103,599	23,901	127,500	1,064,698	307,315	176,698	1,548,711
1950-51	5,605	601	6,206	25,324	296,418	50,303	372,045
1951-52	7,680	3,258	10,938	55,135	262,244	33,502	350,881
1952-53	76,668	11,972	88,640	2,686,297	546,432	72,932	3,305,661
1953-54	18,854	4,599	23,453	1,247,215	697,949	132,797	2,077,961
1954-55	5,152	2,475	7,627	254,558	676,148	126,650	1,057,356
1955-56	8,126	2,591	10,717	216,400	644,464	125,394	986,258
1955: October	237	132	369	8,493	47,587	9,598	65,678
November	202	133	335	7,583	46,800	10,808	65,191
December	537	165	702	8,607	52,942	9,765	71,314
1956: January	756	125	881	14,214	53,023	13,169	80,406
February	1,620	244	1,864	16,970	45,540	9,999	72,509
March	1,072	323	1,395	27,237	48,968	7,778	83,983
April	907	242	1,149	34,030	48,719	7,409	90,158
May	781	293	1,074	29,774	58,015	9,089	96,878
June	1,294	411	1,705	30,652	53,025	8,758	92,435
July	1,316	427	1,743	30,261	49,831	8,437	88,529
August	1,633	427	2,060	52,052	67,999	11,037	131,088
September	1,765	377	2,142	42,114	53,037	8,762	103,913
October	1,286	357	1,643	48,371	56,574	10,327	115,272
November	1,253	369	1,622	44,366	47,813	8,874	101,053

\* Including Australian Capital Territory.

† Including payments to immigrants during training for employment.

‡ Affected by power restrictions occasioned by an industrial dispute.

### 7. Unemployment, Sickness, and Special Benefits in New South Wales\*: Number Receiving Benefits at End of each Month

Last Saturday of Month	Unemployment			Sickness	Special †	All Benefits
	Males	Females	Persons			
1955 : October	360	300	660	3,129	736	4,525
November	347	298	645	3,225	731	4,601
December	649	317	966	2,864	683	4,513
1956: January	1,028	294	1,322	2,997	690	5,009
February	1,586	351	1,937	3,076	662	5,675
March	1,782	463	2,245	2,979	649	5,873
April	1,294	495	1,789	3,031	622	5,442
May	1,275	573	1,848	3,066	694	5,608
June	1,592	733	2,325	3,114	683	6,122
July	2,166	907	3,073	3,199	716	6,988
August	2,261	858	3,119	3,245	724	7,088
September	2,414	806	3,220	3,087	717	7,024
October	2,266	867	3,133	3,096	700	6,929
November	2,424	900	3,324	2,954	672	6,950

\* Including Australian Capital Territory.

† Excluding immigrants.

## 8. Industrial Disputes in New South Wales

Compiled by N.S.W. Department of Labour and Industry

Period	Disputes	Employees Involved			Man-working Days Lost by Employees Involved		
		Mining	Non-mining	Total	Mining	Non-mining	Total
Year :	Number				Thousands		
1939	533	203	9	212	381	65	446
1948	1,506	229	48	277	497	278	775
1949	1,303	167	49	216	770	248	1,018
1950	1,694	221	138	359	294	325	619
1951	1,443	335	144	479	409	328	737
1952	1,297	194	181	375	274	485	759
1953	1,119	138	171	309	355	385	740
1954	1,132	166	88	254	256	278	534
1955	1,146	131	192	323	208	489	697
1955 :	December	17	1	2	3	4	7
1956 :	January	38	3	17	20	6	101
	February	74	15	13	28	24	115
	March	96	35	14	49	41	50
	April	41	5	10	15	6	34
	May	61	10	14	24	15	31
	June	52	5	12	17	5	28
	July	61	5	15	20	9	32
	August	91	9	15	24	21	46
	September	67	9	5	14	17	20
	October	72	9	2	11	17	10
	November	63	8	8	16	13	5
	December	21	3	1	4	4	1

Monthly particulars are approximate.

## 9. Population, Migration, Births, Deaths and Marriages, New South Wales

Period	Estimated Population at end of Period*			Net Immigration	Live Births	Total Deaths	Deaths under 1 Year	Marriages
	Males	Females	Persons					
Year :	1948	1,523,810	1,524,496	3,048,306	16,235	67,234	30,403	2,037
	1949	1,579,257	1,570,549	3,149,806	69,903	68,812	29,364	1,878
	1950	1,627,618	1,613,439	3,241,057	58,399	71,592	30,965	1,936
	1951	1,667,566	1,647,106	3,314,672	41,010	72,069	31,932	1,895
	1952	1,695,899	1,672,087	3,367,986	18,043	74,196	32,038	1,818
	1953	1,713,639	1,695,370	3,409,009	4,578	74,890	31,707	1,846
	1954	1,738,385	1,723,928	3,462,313	15,977	73,125	32,444	1,850
	1955	1,770,966	1,754,957	3,525,923	21,756	74,407	32,553	1,850
1953 :	Dec. Qr.	1,713,639	1,695,370	3,409,009	6,950	18,510	7,922	485
1954 :	Mar. Qr.	1,717,596	1,699,113	3,416,709	(-) 1,885	18,123	6,854	442
	June Qr.	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	(-) 1,949	18,607	8,168	488
	Sept. Qr.	1,728,003	1,711,157	3,439,160	7,302	18,326	9,997	485
	Dec. Qr.	1,738,385	1,723,928	3,462,313	12,509	18,069	7,425	435
1955 :	Mar. Qr.	1,747,737	1,732,093	3,479,830	5,772	18,639	6,894	447
	June Qr.	1,753,041	1,737,290	3,490,331	464	18,511	8,474	470
	Sept. Qr.	1,760,819	1,744,281	3,505,100	5,072	19,404	9,707	494
	Dec. Qr.	1,770,966	1,754,957	3,525,923	10,448	17,853	7,478	439
1956 :	Mar. Qr.	1,780,808	1,763,327	3,544,135	6,791	18,526	7,105	394
	June Qr.	1,785,243	1,768,189	3,553,432	(-) 1,446	19,244	8,501	458
	Sept. Qr.	1,792,167	1,775,978	3,568,145	5,875	19,318	10,480	500

(-) Denotes net emigration.

\* Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

The Estimated Population of Metropolis (Sydney and Suburbs) at 30th June, 1956, was 1,935,880 persons.

## 10. Mean Population of N.S.W.: Financial and Calendar Years\*

Year	Year ended 30th June			Year ended 31st December		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1948	1,500,934	1,500,728	3,001,662	1,510,297	1,509,761	3,020,058
1949	1,525,112	1,523,939	3,049,051	1,548,916	1,544,361	3,093,277
1950	1,577,252	1,568,447	3,145,699	1,602,498	1,590,710	3,193,208
1951	1,626,328	1,612,078	3,238,406	1,648,264	1,631,151	3,279,415
1952	1,665,975	1,645,865	3,311,840	1,682,305	1,659,171	3,341,476
1953	1,695,042	1,671,316	3,366,358	1,704,209	1,682,347	3,386,556
1954	1,712,508	1,692,906	3,405,414	1,723,012	1,705,476	3,428,488
1955	1,737,803	1,721,735	3,459,538	1,754,138	1,738,247	3,492,385
1956	1,770,560	1,753,819	3,524,379			

\* Adjusted in accordance with the final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

## BUILDING ACTIVITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Note 1. "Value" represents the estimated cost of the building when completed (exclusive of the land).

2. Building is classified as "government" or "private" according to ownership.
3. The value of building approved is the value of permits issued by local government councils, plus the value of contracts let or work commenced and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities.
4. Buildings on rural holdings are for the most part excluded.

### II. Value of Private and Government Building\* Approved : Area of State

Period	Private	Government	Private and Government				Total, N.S.W.	
	Division of Cumberland			Rest of State				
	Total, N.S.W.	Metropolis †	Balance †	Total				
Year : 1948	49,443	11,343	28,839	12,191	41,030	19,756	60,786	
1949	58,923	14,244	34,419	13,847	48,266	24,901	73,167	
1950	82,118	17,375	45,276	19,655	64,931	34,562	99,493	
1951	97,712	22,386	52,249	23,626	75,875	44,223	120,098	
1952	66,404	12,252	32,607	16,311	48,918	29,738	78,656	
1953	90,224	21,361	49,526	22,499	72,025	39,560	111,585	
1954	110,448	20,051	80,702	3,267	83,969	46,530	130,499	
1955	118,520	38,721	99,989	9,782	109,771	47,470	157,241	
1955 : Jan.—Nov.	109,651	35,678	92,145	9,283	101,428	43,901	145,329	
1956 : Jan.—Nov.	108,149	32,010	90,951	9,760	100,711	39,448	140,159	
1955 : September	10,164	4,925	9,364	973	10,337	4,752	15,089	
October	9,112	5,132	10,144	448	10,592	3,652	14,244	
November	9,592	1,782	7,620	460	8,080	3,294	11,374	
1956 : September	8,640	5,242	7,910	273	8,183	5,699	13,882	
October	9,074	2,899	8,087	322	8,409	3,564	11,973	
November	10,215	2,362	9,546	405	9,951	2,626	12,577	

\* New buildings and alterations and additions combined. † Metropolis enlarged on 1st January, 1954, by transfer of 425 sq. miles from "Balance of Cumberland." Figures since January, 1954, are not comparable with those for earlier periods.

### 12. Value of Private and Government Building\* Approved : Class of Building

Period	Houses	Flats and Conversions to Flats	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops and Shops with Dwellings	Factories	Other Buildings	Total
	£ thousand						
DIVISION OF CUMBERLAND							
Year : 1949	35,574	2,499	33	724	4,357	5,079	48,266
1950	46,009	3,596	129	1,271	6,901	7,025	64,931
1951	47,801	3,589	500	1,533	9,725	12,727	75,875
1952	31,112	1,124	503	1,147	6,585	8,447	48,918
1953	49,258	973	1,324	2,608	4,762	13,100	72,025
1954	51,887	796	1,638	5,574	10,492	13,582	83,969
1955	52,846	1,703	2,060	4,131	20,528	28,503	109,771
1955 : Jan.—Nov.	49,258	1,528	1,961	3,733	19,924	25,024	101,428
1956 : Jan.—Nov.	47,915	1,802	2,641	4,137	18,694	25,522	100,711
1955 : September	5,156	292	224	272	2,520	1,833	10,337
October	4,500	179	127	242	1,276	4,268	10,592
November	4,786	181	61	325	695	2,032	8,080
1956 : September	4,370	273	45	226	655	2,614	8,183
October	4,469	304	100	269	917	2,350	8,409
November	5,253	46	75	266	1,853	2,458	9,951

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Year : 1949	54,630	2,991	111	1,178	5,187	9,070	73,167
1950	70,963	4,379	359	2,336	8,619	13,737	99,493
1951	77,067	4,195	1,090	2,906	14,460	20,380	120,098
1952	52,853	1,353	1,227	2,018	8,159	13,046	78,656
1953	78,294	1,632	2,184	4,155	5,475	19,845	111,585
1954	82,210	1,612	3,346	7,726	12,064	23,541	130,499
1955	81,651	2,309	3,945	6,235	23,223	39,878	157,241
1955 : Jan.—Nov.	75,997	2,113	3,744	5,685	22,239	35,551	145,329
1956 : Jan.—Nov.	71,025	2,265	4,129	5,739	21,472	35,529	140,159
1955 : September	7,512	357	468	375	2,737	3,640	15,089
October	6,725	240	421	497	1,362	4,999	14,244
November	6,938	211	152	443	754	2,876	11,374
1956 : September	6,387	305	155	327	1,959	4,749	13,882
October	6,546	348	239	449	980	3,411	11,973
November	6,931	70	120	361	2,075	3,020	12,577

\* New buildings, alterations and additions combined.

## 13. New House and Flat Building, New South Wales : Number of Dwelling Units

Period	Houses				Flats				Houses and Flats			
	Ap- proved †	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Un- com- pleted *	Ap- proved †	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Un- com- pleted *	Ap- proved †	Com- menced	Com- pleted	Un- com- pleted *
PRIVATE												
Year : 1950 †	31,020	19,437	15,866	23,358	1,364	744	634	907	32,384	20,181	16,500	24,265
1951	28,206	21,336	16,252	28,442†	1,091	732	790	849	29,297	22,068	17,042	29,291†
1952	17,827	18,449	19,634	27,257†	271	295	744	529	18,098	18,744	20,378	27,786†
1953	23,103	20,324	21,051	26,530†	393	306	555	271	23,496	20,630	21,606	26,801†
1954	24,254	22,205	22,145	26,590†	499	531	412	384	24,753	22,736	22,557	26,974†
1955	23,173	21,606	23,455	24,741†	651	499	406	451	23,824	22,105	23,861	25,192†
1954 : Sept. Qr.	6,868	5,567	5,681	27,066†	111	161	66	449	6,979	5,728	5,747	27,515†
Dec. Qr.	6,169	5,439	5,915	26,590†	148	125	188	384	6,317	5,564	6,103	26,974†
1955 : Mar. Qr.	5,514	5,217	5,350	26,457†	111	60	93	337	5,625	5,277	5,443	26,794†
June Qr.	6,144	5,398	6,285	25,570†	159	105	87	351	6,303	5,503	6,372	25,921†
Sept. Qr.	5,984	5,592	6,139	25,023†	210	146	111	384	6,194	5,738	6,250	25,407†
Dec. Qr.	5,531	5,399	5,681	24,741†	171	188	115	451	5,702	5,587	5,796	25,192†
1956 : Mar. Qr.	5,167	5,148	5,333	24,556†	139	176	113	510	5,306	5,324	5,446	25,066†
June Qr.	5,241	4,923	5,454	24,025†	222	172	98	584	5,463	5,095	5,552	24,609†
Sept. Qr.	5,613	5,053	4,579	24,499†	234	145	145	582	5,847	5,198	4,724	25,081†
GOVERNMENT												
Year : 1950	3,909	3,739	3,453	4,775	505	815	335	1,269	4,414	4,554	3,788	6,044
1951	5,247	4,322	4,127	4,970	507	523	330	1,462	5,754	4,845	4,457	6,432
1952	843	2,931	5,250	2,651	(-) 25	236	635	1,063	818	3,167	5,885	3,714
1953	6,232	5,071	4,547	3,175	348	148	1,000	211	6,580	5,219	5,547	3,386
1954	4,511	5,448	6,031	2,592	265	422	273	360	4,776	5,870	6,304	2,952
1955	3,398	3,697	3,958	2,331	283	261	276	345	3,681	3,958	4,234	2,676
1954 : Sept. Qr.	1,238	1,322	1,614	3,356	63	24	36	312	1,301	1,346	1,650	3,668
Dec. Qr.	1,129	1,001	1,765	2,592	93	146	98	360	1,222	1,147	1,863	2,952
1955 : Mar. Qr.	307	701	1,068	2,225	9	24	98	286	316	725	1,166	2,511
June Qr.	1,679	857	1,204	1,878	141	137	35	388	1,820	994	1,239	2,266
Sept. Qr.	700	1,257	861	2,274	72	48	76	360	772	1,305	937	2,634
Dec. Qr.	712	882	825	2,331	61	52	67	345	773	934	892	2,676
1956 : Mar. Qr.	296	523	658	2,196	30	58	59	344	326	581	717	2,540
June Qr.	979	713	1,418	1,491	12	39	137	246	991	752	1,555	1,737
Sept. Qr.	845	851	755	1,587	60	...	103	143	905	851	858	1,730
PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT												
Year : 1950 †	34,929	23,176	19,319	29,133	1,869	1,559	969	2,176	36,798	24,735	20,288	30,309
1951	33,453	25,658	20,379	33,412†	1,598	1,255	1,120	2,311	35,051	26,913	21,499	35,723†
1952	18,670	21,380	24,884	29,908†	246	531	1,379	1,592	18,916	21,911	26,263	31,500†
1953	29,335	25,395	25,598	29,705†	741	454	1,555	482	30,076	25,849	27,153	30,187†
1954	28,765	27,653	28,176	29,182†	764	953	685	744	29,529	28,606	28,861	29,926†
1955	26,571	25,303	27,413	27,072†	934	760	682	796	27,505	26,063	28,095	27,868†
1954 : Sept. Qr.	8,106	6,889	7,295	30,422†	174	185	102	761	8,280	7,074	7,397	31,183†
Dec. Qr.	7,298	6,440	7,680	29,182†	241	271	286	744	7,539	6,711	7,966	29,926†
1955 : Mar. Qr.	5,821	5,918	6,418	28,682†	120	84	191	623	5,941	6,002	6,609	29,305†
June Qr.	7,823	6,255	7,489	27,448†	300	242	122	739	8,123	6,497	7,611	28,187†
Sept. Qr.	6,684	6,849	7,000	27,297†	282	194	187	744	6,966	7,043	7,187	28,041†
Dec. Qr.	6,243	6,281	6,506	27,072†	232	240	182	796	6,475	6,521	6,688	27,868†
1956 : Mar. Qr.	5,463	5,671	5,991	26,752†	169	234	172	854	5,632	5,905	6,163	27,606†
June Qr.	6,220	5,636	6,872	25,516†	234	211	235	830	6,454	5,847	7,107	26,346†
Sept. Qr.	6,458	5,904	5,334	26,036†	294	145	248	725	6,752	6,049	5,582	26,811†

\* At end of period. Includes some private houses on which work has been suspended or abandoned. † Partly estimated.  
‡ "Private approved"—local government permits to build. "Government approved"—contracts let and day labour projects authorised by governmental authorities. Statistics of dwellings approved are available monthly; figures for current months are as follows:—

Ownership	Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
New Houses and Flats Approved : Number of Dwelling Units.													
Private	1955	1,584	1,954	2,087	1,849	2,196	2,258	1,969	2,054	2,171	2,029	2,019	1,654
	1956	1,609	1,823	1,874	1,539	2,117	1,807	2,050	1,998	1,799	1,827	1,918	1,499
Gov't	1955	112	66	138	429	438	953	229	190	353	274	273	226
	1956	170	24	132	255	336	400	290	238	377	436	334	154
Total	1955	1,696	2,020	2,725	2,278	2,634	3,211	2,198	2,244	2,524	2,303	2,292	1,880
	1956	1,779	1,847	2,006	1,794	2,453	2,207	2,340	2,236	2,176	2,263	2,252	1,653

(—) denotes excess of contracts cancelled over contracts let.

## 14. New South Wales Government Railways: Traffic and Finances

Period	Passenger Journeys	Goods Carried (excluding livestock)	Earnings*	Working Expenses†	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses
	Thousands	Thous. tons		£ thousand	
Year: 1938-39	186,720	14,679	19,146	14,543	4,603
1949-50	258,183	15,890	40,122‡	39,281	841
1950-51	268,567	17,131	49,448	49,168	280
1951-52	268,168	18,528	68,910	64,020	4,890
1952-53	271,698	17,877	72,676	66,452	6,224
1953-54	278,904	19,351	74,569	67,397	7,172
1954-55	281,417	18,667	73,361	68,397	4,964
1955-56	280,470	18,056	75,386	74,904	482
1955: July-Nov.	117,165	8,078	32,119	29,852	2,267
1956: July-Nov.	111,599	8,176	34,490	32,123	2,367
1955: August	24,274	1,728	6,613	6,155	458
September	22,735	1,620	6,718	6,011	707
October	24,613	1,521	6,365	6,020	345
November	22,552	1,583	6,555	5,980	575
1956: August	21,150	1,701	7,044	6,557	487
September	21,628	1,512	6,882	6,345	537
October	24,685	1,695	7,302	6,515	787
November	21,408	1,650	6,928	6,291	637

\* Excludes grants from Consolidated Revenue (£1,800,000 in 1955-56). † Excluding capital charges such as interest, exchange, etc.; a proportion of sinking fund for retirement of assets is included. ‡ Excludes a special grant of £3m. by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

## 15. New South Wales Government Tramways and Omnibuses: Finances

Period	Gross Revenue			Working Expenses*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses
	Trams	Buses	Total		
				£ thousand	
Year: 1938-39	3,449	925	4,374	3,707	667
1949-50	4,792	4,307	9,099†	9,538	(—) 439
1950-51	5,162	5,110	10,272	11,201	(—) 929
1951-52	5,510	5,680	11,190	13,807	(—) 2,617
1952-53	5,690	5,836	11,526	14,240	(—) 2,714
1953-54	5,542	6,033	11,575	13,631	(—) 2,056
1954-55	5,227	6,248	11,475	13,657	(—) 2,182
1955-56	4,704	6,363	11,067	14,017	(—) 2,950
1955: July-Nov.	1,993	2,680	4,673	5,817	(—) 1,144
1956: July-Nov.	2,480	3,515	5,995	6,046	(—) 51
1955: August	405	541	946	1,187	(—) 241
September	371	553	924	1,131	(—) 207
October	418	555	973	1,171	(—) 198
November	390	488	878	1,152	(—) 274
1956: August	490	706	1,196	1,212	(—) 16
September	488	688	1,176	1,198	(—) 22
October	511	720	1,231	1,242	(—) 11
November	511	711	1,222	1,198	24

\* Exclusive of sinking fund, interest on loan capital, exchange, and depreciation (£1,106,005 in year 1954-55).

† Excludes a special grant of £200,000 by the Commonwealth Government towards losses due to an industrial dispute in coal mines, June to August, 1949.

## 16. Port of Sydney: Cargoes Discharged and Shipped

Compiled by Maritime Services Board of New South Wales. Vessels transporting troops, war equipment and supplies are included. Warships are excluded.

Period	Oversea		Interstate		Intra-state		Total	
	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward	Inward	Outward
Thousand tons (Measurement and Weight Combined)								
Year: 1938-39	2,045	1,429	1,187	798	1,896	340	5,128	2,567
1951-52	4,236	1,155	903	533	1,837	116	6,976	1,804
1952-53	2,452	1,255	871	675	1,881	92	5,204	2,022
1953-54	3,166	1,433	948	798	2,028	62	6,142	2,293
1954-55	3,687	1,331	987	700	2,000	46	6,674	2,077
1955-56	3,109	1,529	1,073	573	2,282	26	6,464	2,128
1955: Dec. Qr.	853	365	276	149	650	2	1,779	516
1956: Mar. Qr.	697	302	218	104	464	17	1,379	423
June Qr.	759	513	273	132	576	6	1,608	651
Sept. Qr.	682	340	257	139	636	3	1,575	482
Dec. Qr.	645	411	246	125	607	6	1,498	542

## 17. Motor Vehicles on the Register\* in New South Wales

End of Month	Cars	Omnibuses	Taxi-cabs and Hire Cars	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Trailers	All Other Vehicles†	Total on Register
1939 : June	213,331	1,430	3,278	76,726	294,765	24,151	6,414	2,298	327,628
1945 : June	182,972	1,891	2,962	82,957	270,782	16,068	9,065	2,397	298,312
1947 : June	195,857	2,200	3,330	113,544	314,931	25,172	14,712	3,635	358,450
1949 : June	232,837	2,947	3,562	140,338	379,684	36,379	21,525	6,362	443,950
1951 : June	308,294	3,363	4,159	181,529	497,345	46,851	28,131	9,328	581,655
1953 : June	360,573	3,417	4,471	199,870	568,331	45,100	34,173	11,413	659,017
1954 : June	393,951	3,457	4,446	210,142	611,996	42,451	37,853	13,136	705,436
1955 : June	437,372	3,566	4,524	223,676	669,138	39,787	42,356	15,304	766,585
1956 : June	478,833	3,586	4,564	238,823	725,806	37,039	48,117	17,819	828,781
1955 : Aug.	445,566	3,567	4,540	226,400	680,073	39,235	43,030	15,727	778,065
Sept.	450,133	3,575	4,557	227,963	686,228	39,107	43,483	15,920	784,738
Oct.	454,170	3,583	4,565	229,311	691,629	39,051	43,974	16,210	790,864
Nov.	458,279	3,583	4,571	231,083	697,516	38,909	44,469	16,526	797,420
1956 : Aug.	484,149	3,582	4,596	240,683	733,010	36,703	48,791	18,267	836,771
Sept.	486,888	3,588	4,614	241,706	736,796	36,721	49,344	18,454	841,315
Oct.	489,977	3,596	4,629	243,727	741,929	36,780	49,949	18,719	847,377
Nov.	492,955	3,602	4,622	244,899	746,078	36,779	50,504	18,982	852,343

\* Excludes defence vehicles. † Comprises traders' plates, tourist vehicles, and tractors (excluding tractors used solely on farms); details are shown in the Statistical Bulletin (Quarterly).

## 18. New Motor Vehicles Registered\* in New South Wales : Types

Period	Cars†	Taxi-cabs‡	Omnibuses‡	Lorries, Utilities, and Vans	Total of foregoing	Motor Cycles	Tractors§ and Trailers	Total
Year : 1938-39	19,924	569	130	7,712	28,335	2,196	1,714	32,245
1948-49	25,466	186	339	11,674	37,665	7,442	4,177	49,284
1949-50	41,163	133	212	20,158	61,666	8,659	5,004	75,329
1950-51	46,689	323	84	29,076	76,172	8,855	5,578	90,605
1951-52	41,426	267	127	25,628	67,448	6,018	5,779	79,245
1952-53	30,989	509	123	18,436	50,057	3,042	5,653	58,752
1953-54	43,174	445	117	21,257	64,993	2,964	6,216	74,173
1954-55	55,944	339	59	24,776	81,118	3,437	7,544	92,099
1955-56	55,773	468	18	25,913	82,172	2,971	8,237	93,380
1955 : July-Nov.	26,713	186	9	11,544	38,452	1,362	3,215	43,029
1956 : July-Nov.	21,563	158	21	9,918	31,660	1,151	3,515	36,326
1955 : Aug.	5,671	31	1	2,267	7,970	250	644	8,864
Sept.	5,630	48	2	2,353	8,033	271	652	8,956
Oct.	5,025	41	1	2,268	7,335	266	653	8,254
Nov.	5,112	35	2	2,364	7,513	320	749	8,582
1956 : Aug.	4,484	39	4	1,881	6,408	234	669	7,311
Sept.	3,779	30	3	1,730	5,542	188	595	6,325
Oct.	4,544	23	4	2,034	6,605	271	767	7,643
Nov.	4,653	20	4	2,101	6,778	249	935	7,962

\* Excludes defence vehicles. † Includes taxi-cabs and omnibuses in country districts. ‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only. § Tractors used solely on farms are not registered.

## 19. New Motor Vehicles Registered in New South Wales : Country of Origin

Period	Cars					Lorries, Utilities, and Vans				
	Australia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total	Australia	United Kingdom	U.S.A., Canada	Other	Total
	Proportion per cent.				Number	Proportion per cent.				Number
Year : 1938-39	...	38.8	60.6	0.6	19,924	...	25.0	74.6	0.4	7,712
1948-49	3.1	76.5	18.7	1.7	25,466	...	50.1	49.8	0.1	11,674
1949-50	11.7	77.2	7.9	3.2	41,163	...	72.0	27.4	0.6	20,158
1950-51	16.5	67.5	10.1	5.9	46,689	1.9	75.8	21.7	0.6	29,076
1951-52	19.3	62.2	11.8	6.7	41,426	7.9	63.7	26.8	1.6	25,628
1952-53	22.3	50.1	14.5	3.1	30,989	18.8	49.8	29.4	2.0	18,436
1953-54	29.3	53.1	14.2	3.4	43,174	19.8	49.0	29.2	2.0	21,257
1954-55	25.8	57.4	10.8	6.0	55,944	24.1	47.3	25.6	3.0	24,776
1955-56	28.5	49.9	12.3	9.3	55,773	23.8	45.5	26.2	4.5	25,913
1955 : July-Nov.	26.9	52.5	12.2	8.4	26,713	24.2	47.4	24.8	3.6	11,544
1956 : July-Nov.	37.8	43.1	6.7	12.4	21,563	28.2	39.9	26.2	5.7	9,918
1955 : Aug.	26.3	52.1	13.2	8.4	5,671	25.5	49.2	21.5	3.8	2,267
Sept.	26.8	51.8	13.1	8.3	5,630	24.0	47.8	25.7	2.5	2,353
Oct.	26.7	49.9	13.9	9.5	5,025	23.0	43.9	29.0	4.1	2,268
Nov.	28.6	49.3	14.1	8.0	5,112	23.9	45.2	26.8	4.1	2,364
1956 : Aug.	46.3	37.6	4.5	11.6	4,484	23.0	45.3	24.9	6.8	1,881
Sept.	39.6	42.4	5.3	12.7	3,779	28.1	39.4	26.8	5.7	1,730
Oct.	35.1	44.1	8.7	12.1	4,544	31.8	36.4	26.1	5.7	2,034
Nov.	34.1	44.9	8.4	12.6	4,653	33.0	33.9	27.4	5.7	2,101

## 20. Coal Production in New South Wales

Period of Four Weeks	Last Day of Period (1957 Dates)	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Thousand tons								
1st*	Jan. 19	442	622	604	605	304	291	
2nd	Feb. 16	876	1,134	1,135	1,151	1,194	1,037	
3rd	Mar. 16	888	1,292	1,139	1,217	1,036	1,046	
4th	Apr. 13	1,052	1,158	1,008	1,134	1,098	1,018	
5th	May 11	980	1,171	931	1,119	1,164	1,146	
6th	June 8	1,052	1,147	999	1,285	1,222	1,196	
7th	July 6	1,168	1,236	1,052	1,155	1,203	1,317	
8th	Aug. 3	1,158	1,177	1,309	1,201	1,295	1,333	
9th	Aug. 31	1,174	1,240	1,247	1,221	1,249	1,269	
10th	Sept. 28	1,205	1,287	1,242	1,246	1,274	1,312 <sup>r</sup>	
11th	Oct. 26	1,255	1,267	1,232	1,257	1,246	1,278 <sup>p</sup>	
12th	Nov. 23	1,222	1,272	1,284	1,211	1,202	1,281 <sup>p</sup>	
13th*	Dec. 21	1,041	1,019	992	1,281	1,249	1,322 <sup>pr</sup>	
Year : Underground		11,224	12,492	12,452	13,703	13,835	14,039 <sup>pr</sup>	
Open Cut ...		2,289	2,530	1,722	1,380	901	80 <sup>pr</sup>	
Total ...	...	13,513	15,022	14,174	15,083	14,736	14,846 <sup>pr</sup>	

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	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Northern District ...	8,558	9,626	9,042	9,546	9,290	9,158 <sup>p</sup>
Southern District ...	2,508	2,776	3,009	3,367	3,594	4,040 <sup>p</sup>
Western District ...	2,447	2,620	2,123	2,170	1,852	1,648 <sup>p</sup>
Underground ...	11,224	12,492	12,452	13,703	13,835	14,039 <sup>p</sup>
Open Cut ...	2,289	2,530	1,722	1,380	901	80 <sup>p</sup>
Total ...	13,513	15,022	14,174	15,083	14,736	14,846 <sup>p</sup>

## \*Miners' mid-summer holidays:

	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
In 1st Period ...	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks
In 13th Period	1 week	1 week	1 week	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

## 21. Consumption of Gas and Electricity, Sydney

(Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity)

Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units. The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

Month	Average 1929 to 1931	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	100	221	235	251	252	275	281	299
February	100	241	240	258	263	277	297	318
March	100	238	235	253	264	285	298	308
April	100	226	243	249	256	273	281	306
May	100	237	240	253	261	286	300	320
June	100	232	245	250	274	300	313	332
July	100	214	253	254	276	296	311	333
August	100	234	255	248	273	296	311	337
September	100	236	248	251	276	304	305	330
October	100	238	255	254	279	294	299	325
November	100	246	265	256	283	303	313	329
December	100	236	246	265	282	299	305	
Year	100	233	247	253	270	291	302	

## MONTHLY PRODUCTION, NEW SOUTH WALES

Statistics for 1954-55 are final, but all figures from July, 1955, are subject to revision.

## 22. Production of Food and Drink

Period	Butter *	Cheese *	Processed Whole Milk Products	Bacon and Ham *	Jam	Preserved Fruit	Preserved Vegetables	Ice Cream
Thousand lb.								
Year: 1950-51	76,873	6,630	45,827	28,157	31,096	35,743	32,130	7,711
1951-52	52,501	4,469	38,577	27,911†	29,260	48,106	37,823	7,937
1952-53	83,076	7,084	54,451	29,509	20,095	37,118	35,830	5,322
1953-54	66,557	7,191	50,233	26,499	23,800	52,592	19,603	5,525
1954-55	86,661	5,617	26,580	26,218	22,377	46,867	22,967	6,050
1955-56p	91,984	7,595	39,691	25,392	22,769	40,567	32,704	6,230
1955: July-Nov.	34,900	2,795	17,095	11,350	8,101	2,094	12,232	2,374
1956: July-Nov.	29,079	3,458	18,796	9,654	8,041	1,208	10,810	2,496
1955: August	4,514	379	3,197	2,227	2,602	302	1,511	385
September	6,443	544	3,985	2,182	1,813	542	1,168	548
October	9,622	755	4,003	2,010	1,030	586	2,492	530
November	11,019	853	4,110	2,959	1,052	176	5,211	657
1956: August	4,231	435	3,226	1,845	2,619	258	2,139	434
September	5,148	614	3,678	1,624	1,575	260	1,486	468
October	8,180	914	4,503	2,039	1,164	339	1,908	630
November	8,422	1,107	4,764	2,523	1,010	190	3,915	684

Period	Flour (Wheaten)	Bran (Wheaten)	Pollard (Wheaten)	Cornflour (incl. Edible Starch)	Biscuits †	Confectionery		Beer
						Chocolate (excl. couverture)	Other	
Tons (2,000 lb.)								
Year: 1950-51	677,682	112,744	146,879	179,891	67,725	25,766	34,900	61,966
1951-52	563,325	97,733	131,498	203,440	76,732	23,243	36,894	66,799
1952-53	521,957	84,221	125,575	198,345	73,432	20,829	35,673	72,672
1953-54	581,547	91,374	135,115	194,737	73,543	21,803	33,963	79,943
1954-55	561,233	96,036	126,605	216,557	73,090	19,797	35,981	88,081
1955-56p	548,880	86,285	119,030	246,289	76,478	21,195	36,551	94,782
1955: July-Nov.	224,451	35,215	47,248	108,902	33,421	8,294	16,590	39,822
1956: July-Nov.	265,380	41,174	59,015	139,802	33,110	9,165	18,251	38,289
1955: August	41,734	6,317	8,789	22,830	6,780	2,001	3,266	7,253
September	39,697	6,366	8,166	21,959	7,270	1,584	3,161	8,113
October	47,652	7,777	10,002	19,703	5,936	1,252	3,650	8,962
November	50,138	8,153	10,898	21,758	6,269	1,252	3,586	8,915
1956: August	54,269	8,300	11,679	28,112	7,419	1,903	3,518	6,902
September	55,899	8,890	12,469	28,731	6,037	1,675	3,273	6,983
October	52,170	8,064	11,982	27,220	6,234	1,820	4,092	9,044
November	54,739	8,539	12,222	28,996	7,223	1,699	4,058	9,084

\* Production in factories only.

† Excluding ice cream cones.

‡ From July, 1951, the production of pressed ham and canned bacon and ham was changed from "bone-out" to a "bone-in" weight basis.

## 23. Production of Metals, Coal and Energy

Period	Gold	Coal	Coke (Metallurg.)	Pig Iron	Ingots Steel	Gas	Electricity	
							Mill. cub. ft.	Mill. kWh
Fine oz.								
Year: 1950-51	52,714	12,683	1,488	1,158	1,405	19,444	4,241	
1951-52	40,761	14,800	1,607	1,219	1,473	20,537	4,628	
1952-53	32,040	14,289	1,866	1,541	1,846	20,216	4,868	
1953-54	31,913	15,011	1,987	1,621	2,086	20,802	5,450	
1954-55	27,750	14,660	2,029	1,669	2,162	21,360	5,951	
1955-56p	30,159	14,631	2,053	1,777	2,329	21,873	6,495	
1955: July-Nov.	13,725	6,823	818	718	949	9,600	2,743	
1956: July-Nov.	12,162	7,127	948	753	1,120	10,057	2,965	
1955: August	2,920	1,454	166	143	194	2,086	569	
September	2,712	1,383	158	136	185	1,854	533	
October	2,540	1,291	162	147	190	1,764	531	
November	2,885	1,329	163	150	188	1,685	528	
1956: August	2,597	1,473	189	132	203	2,187	621	
September	2,370	1,312	185	159	225	1,979	569	
October	2,646	1,468†	196	136	223	1,887	575	
November	2,687	1,425	189	168	243	1,752	566	

\* Monthly totals are approximate.

## 24. Production of Textiles and Clothing

Period	Yarn				Woven Cloth			
	Woollen (Pure)	Worsted (Pure)	Cotton (Pure)	Other Yarn	Woollen (Pure)	Worsted (Pure)	Cotton (Pure)	Other Cloth
Thousand lb.								
Year : 1950-51	3,839	8,218	16,346	n.a.	2,321	10,929	13,044	8,019
1951-52	3,186	6,457	15,700	219	1,176	9,281	13,093	6,890
1952-53	2,425	6,034r	14,043	1,403	1,872	7,802	11,154	8,507
1953-54	3,287	5,976	18,161	4,215	2,194r	8,020r	15,508	11,828
1954-55	3,020	6,009	19,168	8,484	1,260	7,394	15,974	9,158r
1955-56p	3,066	5,867	19,253	12,037	1,013	7,397	16,787	9,178
1955: July-November	1,316	2,668	8,529	4,957	416	3,403	7,238	3,597
1956: July-November	1,258	2,620	8,828	6,118	522	3,038	7,251	5,517
1955 : August	269	576	1,792	975	87	766	1,451	738
September	304	509	1,640	983	72	688	1,400	643
October	221	496	1,598	994	75	630	1,436	647
November	281	593	1,820	1,036	105	648	1,483	745
1956 : August	262	520	1,854	1,253	110	646	1,420	1,022
September	222	485	1,652	1,174	108	553	1,379	1,108
October	255	613	1,895	1,296	104	670	1,532	1,168
November	283	526	1,666	1,257	103	568	1,409	1,179

Period	Hosiery		Corsets (incl. roll-on girdles)	Brassieres	Gloves		Boots, Shoes and Sandals*	Slippers
	Women's, Maids' and Girls'	Other			Dress	Work*		
Dozen pairs								
Year : 1950-51	465,854	423,477	46,880	168,814	14,277	125,834	6,287	2,755
1951-52	463,596	376,536	48,120	163,163	15,362	151,555	6,675	2,465
1952-53	565,016	337,153	40,970	148,727	21,761	112,503	6,229	2,461
1953-54	610,178	442,305	57,020	178,604	27,740	147,326	7,272	2,978
1954-55	641,205	415,010	50,398	159,144	14,707	184,009	7,008	2,098
1955-56p	595,696	365,107	57,333	164,339	17,073	192,335	6,828	2,296
1955: July-November	249,096	161,938	23,880	69,948	7,362	97,345	3,228	
1956: July-November	294,490	198,936	23,647	64,861	9,504	79,415	3,586	1,087
1955 : August	42,353	34,056	5,672	15,710	1,497	26,456	696	220
September	48,504	29,422	4,449	13,581	1,509	17,839	674	226
October	51,341	27,956	4,906	13,670	1,392	17,404	616	227
November	65,960	37,123	5,619	15,099	1,598	19,176	683	207
.956 : August	56,567	41,529	6,337	14,546	1,790	14,895	748	183
September	52,419	36,057	4,102	11,364	1,985	15,355r	684	182
October	65,299	42,523	5,077	14,033	1,859	18,413	746	205
November	64,003	41,182	4,645	12,790	2,086	16,858	753	173

Period	Men's and Youths' Outer Clothing					Cardigans, Pullovers (Knitted)	
	3-Piece Suits	2-Piece Suits	Sports Coats and Blazers	Sports Trousers	Overcoats and Raincoats†	Men's, Youths' and Boys'	Women's, Maids' and Girls'
Number							
Year : 1950-51	116,836	301,805	253,808	1,314,067	135,243	78,434	95,164
1951-52	69,491	273,081	205,672	1,127,600	129,793	66,579	101,258
1952-53	43,466	241,402	173,653	947,725	93,945	56,828	89,279
1953-54	35,026	282,435	251,748	1,168,169	70,117	89,409	139,990
1954-55	33,294	285,979	277,077	1,210,723	50,603	94,462	138,950
1955-56p	19,735	301,849	248,492	1,363,750	52,570	86,497	135,147
1955 : July-Nov.	10,058	139,702	108,862	609,117	19,159	24,586	51,765
1956 : July-Nov.	7,554	133,017	122,984	568,403	16,350	30,896	61,362
1955 : August	1,928	28,838	19,861	124,089	3,092	3,985	10,783
September	2,010	28,366	24,727	127,129	3,702	4,455	9,641
October	1,978	25,812	21,566	117,073	3,234	4,216	8,637
November	1,945	30,987	25,056	137,546	5,092	7,104	10,430
1956 : August	1,636	27,568	26,393	115,522	4,358	5,038	13,866
September	1,482	23,828	24,231	106,206	3,033	4,345	12,010
October	1,453	27,391	26,302	121,022	1,921	7,344	12,167
November	1,711	30,750	24,811	116,098	3,335	8,132	12,197

\* Excluding articles of rubber.

† Excluding plastic raincoats.

## 25. Production of Building Materials

Period	Sawn Timber (Native) *	Bricks (Clay)	Tiles		Asbestos Cement Building Sheets	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Cement	Paints	
			Terra Cotta	Cement				Ready- Mixed Paint	Lacquers and Enamels
			Mills. sup. ft.	Thousands	Thousand	sq. yds.	Tons	Thousand gal.	
Year:	1950-51	338.3	341,994	22,590	11,213	9,777	4,963	613,425	2,577
	1951-52	380.6	354,545	22,765	20,273	10,545	4,962	594,276	2,598
	1952-53	347.3	300,328	28,034	5,692	9,384	4,616	670,644	2,078
	1953-54	370.3	375,593	30,431	8,484	9,746	5,445	726,053	2,363
	1954-55	372.9	382,902	29,778	10,153	10,477	6,036	815,603	2,761
	1955-56p	375.4	372,604	29,768	11,983	10,057	5,351	805,400	2,900
1955: July-Nov.		176.8	174,484	13,327	4,325	4,588	2,434	361,889	1,238
1956: July-Nov.	n.y.a.	158,691	12,740	3,905	4,182	2,253		385,871	1,335
1955: August		33.0	36,966	2,843	821	861	488	66,203	244
September		42.4	34,292	2,729	894	803	488	72,468	252
October		35.6	34,121	2,708	819	924	467	76,354	261
November		33.1	35,989	2,783	930	994	519	80,202	268
1956: August		32.4	31,456	2,634	729	836	453	76,248	264
September		35.6	30,722	2,497	850	913	430	76,103	269
October		35.9	33,565	2,727	982	845	460	84,951	283
November	n.y.a.	30,305	2,439	716	863	478		79,768	299

## 26. Production of Household Appliances

Period	Stoves, Domestic Cooking				Coppers (Gas and Electric)	Sink Heaters (Gas and Electric)	Bath Heaters (All Types)	Hot Water Systems (Storage— All Types)				
	Solid Fuel	Gas	Electric									
			Stoves	Stovettes Excl. Cookers								
Year:	1950-51	14,183	26,933	16,623	38,074	48,928	10,333	68,273				
	1951-52	15,214	25,232	17,022	26,290	41,686	13,537	62,492				
	1952-53	11,316	17,556	8,137	17,522	23,375	6,800	47,523				
	1953-54	13,582	22,729	13,263	20,150	n.a.	8,351	49,511				
	1954-55	13,235	n.a.	23,015	18,038	26,552	10,213	50,680				
	1955-56p	12,302	20,813	26,093	16,273	24,465	10,330	47,645				
1955: July-Nov.		6,576	12,728	12,207	7,293	11,577	5,024	22,868				
1956: July-Nov.		5,224	11,620	14,350	10,214	9,321	4,360	18,826				
1955: August		1,395	2,793	2,654	1,597	2,275	999	6,313				
September		1,331	2,295	2,348	1,099	2,501	1,244	4,802				
October		1,249	2,156	2,221	1,668	2,111	832	3,673				
November		1,418	2,232	2,624	1,555	2,581	969	3,865				
1956: August		1,120	2,682	2,871	2,211	2,282	927	3,433				
September		979	2,229	2,702	2,087	1,429	841	3,472				
October		1,199	2,573	3,002	2,273	2,119	861	3,752				
November		1,001	1,879	3,182	2,205	1,642	1,048	3,327				

Period	Refrigerators (Household)	Electric Clothes Washing Machines (Domestic)	Electric Toasters	Wireless Cabinets	Radios			Radiograms
					Portable	Car	Mantel, Table and Console	
							Number	
Year:	1950-51	113,603	19,163	70,676	276,682	197,026	.....	60,616
	1951-52	101,195	23,097	107,448	227,014	165,511	.....	45,655
	1952-53	91,717	14,669	47,049	156,739	56,299	.....	40,787
	1953-54	159,287	43,815	70,461	265,503	79,686	.....	60,196
	1954-55	171,641	71,617	75,134	277,993	63,022	30,757	127,013
	1955-56p	154,504	74,011	92,642	251,394	48,447	35,716	63,115
1955: July-Nov.		85,961	30,471	38,112	107,852	18,472	17,583	61,213
1956: July-Nov.		56,668	29,829	42,985	84,617	22,410	13,893	46,354
1955: August		13,123	6,515	6,956	17,158	2,045	3,797	10,662
September		18,203	6,331	7,062	32,723	4,886	2,828	13,232
October		23,301	5,589	8,407	21,023	2,946	3,837	13,065
November		22,900	5,849	8,287	19,911	6,125	3,331	12,894
1956: August		8,562	7,070	9,029	16,817	3,635	2,755	9,978
September		9,621	6,027	8,062	14,705	3,097	2,858	8,858
October		16,408	5,538	11,139	17,308	5,480	2,514	11,460
November		14,651	5,832	6,391	17,866	6,954	4,079	7,782

## 27 Production of Miscellaneous Products

Period	Internal Combustion Engines	Electric Motors		Motor Bodies *	Pedal Cycles
		Under 1 h.p.	Over 1 h.p.		
Number					
Year : 1950-51	23,746	369,684	34,166	8,866	29,156
1951-52	22,480	417,945	34,255	9,276	28,701
1952-53	12,126	353,820	21,251	9,431	21,766
1953-54	17,482	682,480	22,410	21,956	23,405
1954-55	17,281	851,460	30,493	26,777	28,253
1955-56p	48,626	752,959	30,327	31,792	27,693
1955: July-Nov.	13,193	372,669	14,154	13,984	14,436
1956: July-Nov.	37,099	272,427	10,493	13,745	11,189
1955: August	1,858	71,601	3,113	2,983	2,678
September	2,438	75,368	3,020	2,794	2,877
October	2,783	83,602	2,591	2,472	2,843
November	3,807	78,855	2,690	3,026	3,613
1956: August	4,069	51,290	1,969	2,857	2,206
September	6,425	48,655	1,661	2,493	2,074
October	11,255	55,859	2,344	2,993	2,258
November	12,705	74,526	2,431	3,084	2,838

Period	Soap †				Cleansing and Scouring Powders (excl. Synthetic Detergents)
	Toilet (incl. Shampoos and Shaving Soap)	Household (incl. Flakes, Chips, Extracts, Powders)	Industrial (incl. Flakes, Chips, Extracts, Powders)	Other (Liquid, Soft and Sand)	
Cwt.					
Year : 1950-51	241,185	666,063	62,289	99,160	53,696‡
1951-52	265,115	710,139	56,189	106,550	55,246
1952-53	231,759	692,804	67,475	94,967†	59,186†
1953-54	265,438	666,303	75,213	98,401	60,073
1954-55	291,493	712,876	91,277	117,532	50,096
1955-56p	262,306	695,751	98,399	126,454	42,583
1955: July-Nov.	114,348	277,784	40,489	53,019	18,380
1956: July-Nov.	112,713	262,560	38,798	47,456	14,337
1955: August	21,237	71,091	9,661	11,100	3,652
September	25,290	43,329	7,272	11,867	3,779
October	20,812	50,550	7,263	8,987	3,282
November	24,523	57,432	9,230	11,297	4,366
1956: August	21,529	50,157	9,334	9,225	3,198
September	23,344	56,991	7,817	8,481	2,556
October	20,316	50,968	5,735	9,587	2,898
November	22,010	56,870	7,711	10,386	3,064

Period	Sulphuric Acid	Sulphate of Ammonia	Mattresses		
			Wire	Inner Spring	Other
Tons					
Year : 1950-51	112,151	37,222	78,285	157,406	166,865
1951-52	117,035	43,549	67,24	128,104	118,942
1952-53	124,359	48,078	80,961	148,554	98,352
1953-54	147,777	52,785	109,340	194,596	97,651
1954-55	184,234	57,242	121,149	215,574	100,209
1955-56p	179,744	53,915	103,925	218,926	84,699
1955: July-November	84,926	23,211	45,109	93,682	42,154
1956: July-November	54,153	23,791	40,712	88,769	30,752
1955: August	17,450	4,184	10,053	20,381	9,116
September	17,359	4,931	8,818	18,750	8,817
October	16,807	4,832	7,670	17,907	8,529
November	15,854	4,723	9,447	20,544	7,886
1956: August	8,496	5,349	8,676	18,751	6,803
September	8,959	4,913	7,443	17,086	5,711
October	11,642	4,537	8,932	18,530	6,116
November	14,604	4,381	9,160	18,860	6,044

\*Excludes conversions, cabins, and bodies assembled from imported panels, synthetic detergents, but thereafter these are excluded.

† Figures to June, 1954, include

‡ Includes synthetic detergents.

**28. Index of Rainfall in Rural Districts, New South Wales**  
 (Normal rainfall for each month = 100)

Month	Sheep Districts					Wheat Districts				Coastal Dairying Districts			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1955: June	72	68	105	55	80	79	68	105	92	60	71	58	63
July	97	72	131	338	100	93	66	119	102	53	40	33	47
August	108	115	146	177	130	124	134	157	147	92	21	31	13
September	88	98	100	114	98	93	91	110	103	92	72	50	82
October	304	307	214	445	291	315	270	221	246	124	134	96	123
November	78	133	98	104	103	100	140	87	103	25	141	101	64
December	76	62	94	35	73	78	76	76	76	310	136	142	244
1956 : January	162	197	199	145	182	135	174	206	189	128	162	91	132
February	386	388	142	265	294	370	384	131	227	402	362	452	398
March	136	396	461	659	372	113	393	503	425	120	245	291	174
April	155	164	264	146	192	170	175	266	230	64	43	57	58
May	258	197	249	252	237	299	203	260	250	127	156	245	150
June	155	163	176	129	161	149	155	156	155	126	198	244	160
July	104	192	215	344	191	115	172	235	204	17	39	102	34
August	29	78	101	22	66	41	89	100	90	45	84	74	59
September	82	75	99	89	86	70	82	99	91	43	32	53	41
October	146	217	257	194	207	161	210	287	251	59	107	179	87
November	40	23	62	20	40	36	23	59	47	24	20	52	26
December	82	30	27	24	43	74	25	26	32	136	75	34	107

N.—Northern.

C.—Central.

S.—Southern.

W.—Western.

T.—Total, all Districts.

**WOOL**

**29. Number of Sheep, Sheep Shorn, and Production of Wool, New South Wales**

Sheep as at 31st March. Sheep Shorn and Wool Production (as in grease) in season ended June

Particulars	1938-39	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Sheep ...	48.9	54.1	53.7	57.5	59.6	59.2	63.0
Sheep shorn ...	51.5	52.9	52.7	56.7	59.2	59.6	61.8
Wool produced*	437.1	492.1	437.8	556.6	544.9	541.0	593.7

\* Includes crutchings and wool from skins.

**30. Wool Received into Store and Unsold in Store, New South Wales**

(Excluding Albury Centre and Joint Organisation Stocks)

Period	Received into Store during period				Unsold in Store at end of period			
	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total	Sydney	New-castle	Goul-burn	Total
Thousand bales								
Season : 1947-48	869.2	152.1	46.9	1,068.2	13.7	1.2	0.2	15.1
1948-49	998.9	181.1	54.4	1,234.4	75.7	2.8	0.5	79.0
1949-50	1,066.6	218.9	57.0	1,342.5	11.6	1.3	0.1	13.0
1950-51	1,052.4	176.0	51.2	1,279.6	24.6	1.8	0.4	26.8
1951-52	903.6	164.4	42.7	1,110.7	14.9	0.7	0.2	15.8
1952-53	1,136.2	207.2	53.2	1,396.6	17.5	0.8	..	18.3
1953-54	1,108.7	262.2	57.6	1,428.5	19.1	1.9	0.1	21.1
1954-55	1,077.9	251.8	56.9	1,386.6	22.7	3.2	0.3	26.2
1955-56	1,145.3	271.4	66.2	1,482.9	17.5	1.6	..	19.1
1955 : July-Dec.	873.6	211.3	63.3	1,148.2	347.2	88.1	37.6	472.9
1956 : July-Dec.	979.8	262.2	67.0	1,309.0	394.2	102.8	38.3	535.3
1955 : September	228.0	52.9	13.1	294.0	290.9	62.3	16.5	369.7
October	188.1	45.1	22.2	255.4	368.3	65.5	30.6	464.4
November	165.6	48.4	20.6	234.6	367.2	71.2	41.3	479.7
December	60.2	16.9	4.0	81.1	347.2	88.1	37.6	472.9
1956 : September	256.8	63.2	13.6	333.6	274.7	73.6	17.1	365.4
October	253.0	78.3	22.7	354.0	363.9	111.4	30.7	506.0
November	195.2	56.0	22.7	273.9	398.7	127.5	43.9	570.1
December	69.0	15.2	4.5	88.7	394.2	102.8	38.3	535.3

### 31. Wool: Sales at Auction, New South Wales

Excluding Albury Centre. Includes small quantities bought-in by Joint Organisation, but excludes sales from stocks held by Joint Organisation.

Period	Wool Sold					Amount Realised			
	Greasy and Scoured			Total		Sydney	New- castle	Goul- burn	Total
	Sydney	New- castle	Goul- burn	Greasy	Scoured				
Thousand bales *									
Season: 1938-39	1,144.6	32.1	...	1,118.9	57.8	n.a.	n.a.	...	15,521
1948-49	925.4	170.2	54.0	1,079.0	70.6	53,699	10,193	3,439	67,331
1949-50	1,118.4	202.7	57.1	1,293.8	84.4	86,510	16,217	4,987	107,714
1950-51	1,038.6	175.5	50.9	1,194.8	70.2	185,502	32,589	10,113	228,204
1951-52	912.2	165.4	43.3	1,071.9	49.0	85,188	15,943	4,130	105,261
1952-53	1,132.8	207.1	53.3	1,340.8	52.4	122,090	23,153	6,105	151,348
1953-54	1,106.5	260.8	57.6	1,380.0	44.9	112,084	26,580	6,131	144,795
1954-55	1,073.6	250.4	56.6	1,341.7	38.9	95,501	22,273	5,225	122,999
1955-56†	1,149.7	272.9	66.3	1,455.4	33.5	89,166	21,147	5,386	115,699
1955: July-Dec.	548.5	126.3	25.8	683.0	17.6	41,685	9,399	2,043	53,127
1956: July-Dec.	602.7	160.9	28.8	774.6	17.8	57,799	15,641	2,935	76,375
1955: September	143.7	41.8	...	182.2	3.3	10,394	2,905	...	13,299
October	110.7	41.9	8.2	157.7	3.1	8,383	3,142	607	12,132
November	166.6	42.7	9.9	215.8	3.4	12,929	3,350	786	17,065
December	80.2	...	7.7	84.4	3.5	6,462	1	650	7,113
1956: September	133.7	40.6	...	171.4	2.9	12,887	3,883	...	16,770
October	163.7	40.5	9.1	210.8	2.5	15,288	3,636	824	19,748
November	160.4	39.9	9.6	205.8	4.1	15,962	4,019	1,037	21,018
December	73.6	39.8	10.1	120.8	2.7	7,520	4,096	1,076	12,692

\*Scoured bales are not converted to greasy basis. † Including sales at auction in July, 1956, postponed from June.

### 32. Prices of Greasy Wool, New South Wales

Season	Average Price at Auction, New South Wales*	Month	Average Price that would be realised if whole N.S.W. clip was sold at price level of current month			
			1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
1938-39	10.3	July	85.0‡	82.5‡	67.0‡	65.0
1945-46	15.3†	August	84.0‡	75.0	60.0	69.0
1946-47	23.6	September	83.0	75.0	58.0	75.0
1947-48	37.9	October	84.0	71.0	58.0	73.0p
1948-49	46.8	November	84.0	68.0	58.0	77.0p
1949-50	61.8	December	81.0	70.5	60.0	78.0p
1950-51	145.3	January	80.0	69.0	61.0	
1951-52	76.5	February	77.0	70.0	61.0	
1952-53	85.1	March	77.0	70.0	60.0	
1953-54	81.8	April	79.0‡	69.0	62.0	
1954-55	70.6	May	82.0	69.0	66.0	
1955-56	61.6	June	82.5	67.0	67.0‡	

\* Excluding Albury (regarded as a Victorian selling centre). prices; does not allow for payments for profits on re-sale of contract wool.

† Based on United Kingdom purchase ‡ Nominal.

### 33. Wheat Growing in New South Wales

Season	Holdings with 20 acres or more Wheat for Grain	Area under Wheat		Yield of Grain	
		Total	For Grain	Total	Average per acre
1936-37 to 1945-46*	Number	Acres		Bushels	
1946-47	15,875†	4,203,047	3,824,667	49,850,000	13.0
1947-48	15,971	4,772,978	4,474,894	15,682,000	3.5
1948-49	16,803	5,355,169	5,043,017	95,227,000	18.9
1949-50	15,674	4,242,969	4,038,447	64,704,000	16.0
1950-51	15,594	3,173,857	4,011,744	81,939,000	20.4
1951-52	14,279	3,441,958	3,328,490	43,273,000	13.0
1952-53	13,147	2,930,170	2,753,317	39,689,000	14.4
1953-54	13,167	2,836,206	2,702,359	56,670,000	21.0
1954-55	14,865	3,547,624	3,356,888	63,681,000	19.0
1955-56	13,784	3,177,844	2,918,670	37,718,000	12.9
1956-57†	14,035	3,064,204	2,937,281	57,149,000	19.5
	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1,713,000	29,000,000	16.9

\* Annual average.

† Average of six seasons 1935-36 to 1940-41.

## 34. Wheat: Prices and Return to Growers, New South Wales, and Prices in Canada

Period	Export Price*	Home Price for Human Consumption§	Net Return, f.o.r. country siding, to N.S.W. Growers¶	Canadian No. 1 Northern Wheat; In store, Fort William-Port Arthur and Vancouver			
				For Commercial Export			
Year: 1938-39	2 5.1	2 5.9	2 2.8				
1947-48	19 4.7	6 0.2	13 7.2				
1948-49	15 8.2	6 8	10 7.6				
	†	‡					
1949-50	15 5.2	18 5.8	6 8	12 4.6			218.6
1950-51	16 1	18 8.8	7 9.6	11 10.3			212.3
1951-52	16 4.3	20 9	10 0	12 11			235.0
1952-53	16 6	21 2	12 0.2	13 0.6			216.5
1953-54	16 7**	16 7**	14 2.5	11 1.4			186.5
1954-55	14 6**	14 6**	14 2.5	9 9.4			173.0
1955-56	13 3**	13 3**	13 6.5	8 4.2p			174.0
1955: October	13 8**	13 8**	14 2.5				171.7
November	13 4**	13 4**	14 2.5				172.8
December	13 4**	13 4**	13 6.5				171.9
1956: January	13 4**	13 4**	13 6.5				172.1
February	13 2**	13 2**	13 6.5				173.4
March	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5				175.6
April	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5				175.1
May	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5				175.0
June	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5				175.0
July	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5				173.8
August	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5				173.2
September	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5				172.5
October	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5				171.7
November	12 9**	12 9**	13 6.5				169.8
December	13 2**	13 2**	13 10.5				169.2

\* Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended July. Bases are as follows:—  
1938-39—Average of shippers' limits for bulk and bagged lots, f.o.r. Sydney.

1946-47 to 1948-49—Basic export selling price of Australian Wheat Board. Average for bulk and bagged wheat, f.o.r., Sydney.

1949-50 to date—Basic selling prices of Australian Wheat Board for f.a.q. bulk wheat, f.o.b., Sydney (see † and ‡ below).

† Wheat sold under International Wheat Agreement. ‡ Wheat sold in excess of I.W.A. quota.

§ Wholesale price for f.a.q. bulk wheat, f.o.r. Sydney. Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended November.

¶ Allowing for cost of bags and including governmental assistance to wheat growers. Pool season, generally year ended October.

|| Annual quotations are the average of the twelve monthly prices, year ended July.

\*\* For some destinations, where other exporting countries have a geographical freight advantage, the selling price is below this basic price.

## 35. Whole Milk Production, New South Wales

Period	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56p	1956-57p
Thousand gallons						
July	13,568	17,593	17,129	15,275	17,673	17,836
August	15,106	19,236	18,750	17,951	20,985	20,408
September	17,600	25,953	22,424	22,310	25,230	22,569
October	24,781	32,800	27,355	28,487	32,698	29,797
November	23,701	33,596	28,525	34,418	35,659	
December	20,451	32,118	24,935	36,798	37,065	
March Qr.	62,177	93,126	86,768	97,325	102,394	
June Qr.	63,825	62,963	56,301	63,155	63,530	
Year ended June	241,209	317,385	282,187	315,719	335,234	
July-October	71,055	95,582	85,658	84,023	96,586	90,610

NOTE.—The annual average production for the five seasons ended 1939 was 331,963,000 gallons.

## 36. Butter: Prices, Export and Local, and Return to Farmer

Season	Export*	Sydney Wholesale	Net Return to farmer†	Month	Export*	Sydney Wholesale
			s. d. per lb.			s. d. per lb.
1938-39	1 1.2	1 5	1 1	1955: November	4 0.9	4 0.5
1946-47	1 11.2	1 5.9	1 8.3	1956: January	4 0.4	4 0.5
1947-48	2 3.3	1 7.5	1 11.9	February	3 7.9	4 0.5
1948-49	2 7.3	1 11.1	2 1.9	March	3 4.7	4 0.5
1949-50	2 9.6	1 11.1	2 4.5	April	3 0.6	4 0.5
1950-51	3 0.4	1 11.1	2 8.2	May	2 11.3	4 0.5
1951-52	3 3.1	2 7.2	3 6.1	June	3 4.1	4 0.5
1952-53	3 6.0	3 8.8	3 11.4	July	3 0.7	4 2
1953-54	3 7.7	3 8.8	3 11.5	August	2 10.9	4 2
1954-55	3 6.0	3 8.8	3 10.5	September	3 2.2	4 2
1955-56	3 5.6	4 0.2	3 8.8 p	October	2 10.9	4 2
				November	2 10.0	4 2

\* Weighted average price for choicest butter, f.o.b. Australia. † Average price paid for cream supplied to New South Wales factories, inclusive of government subsidy in 1945-46 and later years.

## 37. Oversea Trade, New South Wales and Australia

Period	New South Wales			Australia		
	Merchandise					
	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports
£A million f.o.b.						
Year: 1949-50	49.9	37.7	(—) 12.2	113.2	121.5	8.3
1950-51	214.0	216.6	2.6	536.1	611.6	75.5
1951-52	301.7	325.6	23.9	741.3	979.1	237.8
1952-53	426.8	193.9	(—) 232.9	1,049.7	665.2	(—) 384.5
1953-54	206.9	249.5	42.6	510.3	848.5	338.2
1954-55	277.9	249.3	(—) 28.6	678.5	811.8	133.3
1955-56	343.5	207.6	(—) 135.9	840.9	758.0	(—) 82.9
1955-56	334.2	217.2	(—) 117.0	818.3	771.1	(—) 47.2
1955: July-Nov.	141.3	84.5	(—) 56.8	349.1	304.6	(—) 44.5
1956: July-Nov.	128.7	101.5	(—) 27.2	306.5	370.5	64.0
1955: June	29.7	19.6	(—) 10.1	74.7	69.0	(—) 5.7
July	22.5	17.2	(—) 5.3	61.5	60.9	(—) 0.6
August	29.3	13.2	(—) 16.1	71.2	48.7	(—) 22.5
September	28.8	13.9	(—) 14.9	74.9	51.4	(—) 23.5
October	29.4	17.9	(—) 11.5	68.1	65.6	(—) 2.5
November	31.3	22.3	(—) 9.0	73.4	78.0	4.6
1956: June	25.8	15.2*	(—) 10.6	63.4	72.9*	9.5
July	25.7	13.0	(—) 12.7	57.3	61.0	3.7
August	31.2	15.8	(—) 15.4	78.8	57.8	(—) 21.0
September	23.4	17.9	(—) 5.5	53.6	60.7	7.1
October	24.2	27.0	2.8	57.1	95.9	38.8
November	24.2	27.8	3.6	59.7	95.1	35.4

\*Affected by industrial dispute.

(—) Denotes excess of Imports.

## 38. Wholesale Trade, New South Wales

\* Net sales of taxable and exempt goods by traders registered under Sales Tax Acts

Period	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
	£ million							
July	35.3	49.1	67.5	56.9	62.5	80.3	91.2	86.4
August	34.7	52.1	68.2	59.6	64.0	78.0	94.1	82.8
September	39.9	56.2	74.0	60.2	76.8	68.6	83.4	99.2
October	43.6	57.8	68.6	61.7	65.9	85.2	96.0	92.1
November	39.3	44.9	56.3	62.1	77.4	81.1	83.5	73.9
December	50.2	61.2	81.7	60.4	72.0	74.3	84.3	
March Qr.	127.2	164.5	186.1	179.7	207.0	234.5	239.4	
June Qr.	153.5	201.0	196.4	188.6	226.0	253.0	275.4	
Year ended June	523.7	686.8	798.8	729.2	851.6	955.0	1,047.3	
July-November	192.8	260.1	334.6	300.5	346.6	393.2	448.2	434.4

\* Exclusive of discounts, returns, etc.

## 39. Retail Trade: Principal City Stores, Sydney

Compiled by Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with Commonwealth Bank

Period	Business Days in Period		Value of Net Sales	Value of Stock	Wages and Salaries Paid	Number of Employees*	Three months ended in month shown	
	Previous Year	Current Year					Value of Net Sales	Wages and Salaries Paid
	Number	Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—) compared with corresponding period of preceding year.						
Year: 1950	302	303	+ 16.8	+ 5.6	+ 11.7	+ 0.7		
1951	303	301	+ 22.7	+ 26.9	+ 32.8	+ 2.7		
1952	301	303	— 8.6	+ 9.0	+ 4.0	— 10.0		
1953	303	302	+ 4.8	+ 20.1	— 0.3	— 3.9		
1954	302	301	+ 8.0	+ 9.4	+ 7.1	+ 3.9		
1955	301	303	+ 3.5	+ 9.1	+ 9.2	+ 2.6		
1955: June	25	25	+ 4.4	+ 8.5	+ 11.5	+ 3.7	+ 4.7	+ 10.7
July	27	26	+ 3.7	+ 9.6	+ 8.4	+ 4.4	+ 4.3	+ 10.3
Aug.	26	27	+ 3.7	+ 10.1	+ 12.7	+ 3.3	+ 3.9	+ 10.9
Sept.	26	26	+ 4.9	+ 7.6	+ 8.9	+ 2.7	+ 4.1	+ 10.0
Oct.	25	25	+ 1.2	+ 7.7	+ 6.5	+ 0.8	+ 3.2	+ 9.4
Nov.	26	26	+ 0.7	+ 9.0	+ 7.8	— 0.8	+ 2.2	+ 7.7
1956: June	25	25	— 1.2	+ 1.5	+ 2.5	— 2.9	+ 0.7	+ 4.6
July	26	26	— 2.2	— 1.9	+ 1.3	— 3.5	— 0.5	+ 4.1
Aug.	27	27	+ 0.2	— 1.2	+ 3.7	— 3.9	— 0.9	+ 2.5
Sept.	26	25	— 9.9	— 0.2	— 1.2	— 4.9	— 4.0	+ 1.3
Oct.	25	26	+ 3.8	— 0.4	+ 7.5	— 3.4	— 2.0	+ 3.2
Nov.	26	26	+ 2.2	— 1.7	+ 13.9	— 5.0	— 1.3	+ 6.8

\* Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 2.

## BANKING

Since 1st October, 1951, 16 trading banks have conducted business in Australia. Of these, 12 operate in New South Wales, comprising the 7 major private trading banks, the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank of N.S.W., and 3 overseas banks.

**40. Trading Banks : Deposits and Assets in Australia**  
Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Deposits	Balances due to other Banks	Cash Items	Treasury Bills	Government and Municipal Securities	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted
£ million							
MAJOR PRIVATE TRADING BANKS							
1945 : June	582.5	n.a.	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1947 : June	648.3	2.5	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
1949 : June	817.4	49.8	40.0	11.1	62.5	381.2	383.3
1951 : June	1,237.7	63.2	50.5	32.8	93.0	569.6	595
1953 : June	1,239.0	3.5	76.6	100.5	115.7	300.8	611.8
1955 : June	1,307.2	4.6	65.4	27.8	124.6	245.8	817.7
1956 : June	1,260.4	22.4	65.7	28.9	120.9	227.7	793.9
1955 : September	1,257.7	4.0	65.4	23.6	106.2	231.9	823.1
October	1,277.0	3.6	64.1	27.5	105.8	231.9	831.4
November	1,295.8	3.8	65.1	31.9	110.3	231.9	823.3
1956 : September	1,248.5	10.2	71.4	37.4	119.9	223.4	778.5
October	1,281.5	5.8	64.3	51.9	124.6	225.9	780.2
November	1,311.4	3.6	64.6	54.1	136.3	235.9	771.2
COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK*							
1947 : June	58.6	0.3	5.7	1.1	33.9	...	21.6
1951 : June	119.7	2.3	6.9	36.5	15.1	..	68.5
1953 : June	135.7	4.1	11.9	31.3	15.2	32.3	59.7
1955 : June	181.1	0.3	11.6	8.9	39.7	33.9	98.5
1956 : June	179.1	0.3	10.2	5.0	35.7	31.9	101.9
1955 : September	180.8	0.3	10.4	4.1	40.0	32.7	106.0
October	185.2	0.3	10.8	8.5	40.0	32.7	105.0
November	188.0	0.3	10.1	10.5	40.0	32.7	105.0
1956 : September	178.9	0.3	9.6	4.0	37.2	31.2	106.2
October	181.9	0.4	9.9	2.8	36.5	31.7	108.2
November	186.6	0.4	10.3	4.3	35.9	33.7	107.9
ALL TRADING BANKS							
1947 : June	722.7	3.0	42.4	16.2	126.2	277.2	344.8
1951 : June	1,407.4	65.9	62.4	73.8	123.1	572.6	635.5
1953 : June	1,428.0	7.9	94.4	138.7	144.6	334.1	724.8
1955 : June	1,544.7	5.6	81.8	40.7	177.8	280.7	990.8
1956 : June	1,496.1	24.3	79.6	37.4	171.5	260.4	972.4
1955 : September	1,491.2	5.6	79.3	30.6	160.1	265.4	1,004.4
October	1,515.0	5.6	78.7	39.4	160.8	265.4	1,012.3
November	1,537.0	5.7	78.8	45.6	164.3	265.4	1,004.5
1956 : September	1,481.7	11.0	84.9	43.4	171.8	255.4	959.9
October	1,517.6	7.6	77.8	57.0	176.0	258.4	964.9
November	1,554.4	5.5	79.0	61.3	187.7	270.3	956.1

\*General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

**41. Trading Banks : Deposits and Advances in New South Wales**  
Average of Weekly Figures

Month	Major Private Trading Banks			£ million	C'wealth Trading Bank*		All Trading Banks		
	Deposits				Deposits	Advances	Deposits	Advances	
	Not Bearing Interest	Bearing Interest	Total						
1947 : June	174.6	69.7	244.3	116.5	33.3	12.6	286.8	153.6	
1949 : June	228.1	73.2	301.3	150.4	40.1	18.0	358.0	199.7	
1951 : June	386.0	81.9	467.9	197.9	60.0	36.1	560.8	276.6	
1953 : June	379.7	68.9	448.6	243.7	74.0	26.5	557.5	314.7	
1955 : June	387.4	88.2	475.6	342.5	96.1	43.0	609.9	436.6	
1956 : June	363.6	87.2	450.8	329.7	93.3	44.1	582.7	426.5	
1955 : Sept.	367.4	87.9	455.3	343.8	94.7	45.3	586.6	441.5	
Oct.	373.9	86.5	460.4	348.3	96.3	45.2	593.5	446.3	
Nov.	383.0	85.5	468.5	347.1	96.8	44.4	602.1	444.6	
1956 : Sept.	351.5	95.4	446.9	325.4	94.6	45.3	578.5	422.6	
Oct.	363.2	92.0	455.2	325.8	95.7	46.0	587.5	424.9	
Nov.	375.1	96.7	471.8	325.5	95.2	46.2	604.5	425.1	

\*General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

#### 42. Trading Banks: Debits to Customers' Accounts, New South Wales

"Debits" refer to all trading banks operating in N.S.W., excluding accounts of Australian Governments at city banks and central banking business of the Commonwealth Bank.

Period	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
Weekly Average—£ million								
July	91.2	121.3	159.3	149.0	163.7	181.8	201.7	214.6
August	80.9	109.2	141.9	130.1	145.6	170.6	186.9	189.0
September	88.0	126.3	153.0	143.0	167.7	179.7	193.7	201.0
October	99.0	135.5	163.0	152.7	168.3	190.3	202.9	221.8
November	107.9	147.9	170.5	159.8	173.0	185.8	216.1	226.1
December	112.2	158.0	175.9	173.8	187.1	194.5	214.1	231.7
January	96.8	131.6	146.2	124.6	151.9	173.8	183.9	
February	108.7	161.1	155.3	156.2	164.8	188.3	187.1	
March	118.6	160.0	152.1	162.4	184.7	186.0	199.8	
April	108.8	161.1	153.3	149.7	166.2	185.5	201.2	
May	122.6	167.3	155.9	157.4	183.0	203.3	218.0	
June	121.2	168.2	158.4	160.3	194.9	206.1	203.9	
Year	104.9	145.1	156.6	151.9	171.7	187.5	200.9	

#### 43. Savings Bank Accounts and Depositors' Balances at end of Month

Month	New South Wales				Australia	
	Active Accounts	Depositors' Balances			Active Accounts	Depositors' Balances
		C'wealth Savings Bank	Other Savings Banks	Total		
Thousand				£ thousand	Thousand	
1939-June	1,330	87,474	.....	87,474	3,858	245,587
1948 "	2,013	236,964	.....	236,964	5,728	681,318
1949 "	2,072	244,483	.....	244,483	5,890	714,232
1950 "	2,138	258,874	.....	258,874	6,105	762,085
1951 "	2,194	284,466	.....	284,466	6,307	837,444
1952 "	2,247	304,532	.....	304,532	6,494	891,898
1953 "	2,279	319,149	.....	319,149	6,633	947,497
1954 "	2,308	339,797	.....	339,797	6,756	1,010,129
1955 "	2,336	358,645	.....	358,645	6,861	1,073,394
1956 "	2,463	363,833	22,843	386,676	7,153	1,141,119
1955: September	2,306	359,521	.....	359,521	6,813	1,083,354
October	2,312	362,247	.....	362,247	6,831	1,089,501
November	2,318	361,816	.....	361,816	6,846	1,088,897
1956: September	2,476	363,383	36,287	399,670	7,209	1,175,397
October	2,494	362,962	40,246	403,208	7,250	1,184,164
November	2,505	362,657	42,825	405,482	7,275	1,191,041

#### 44. Overseas Exchange Rates

Mean of Buying and Selling rates for telegraphic transfers quoted by Commonwealth Bank, average of daily rates.

Period	Australia on—							
	London	New Zealand	South Africa	Montreal	New York	France	Belgium	India
	£A. to £stg.100	£A. to £N.Z.100	£A. to £S.A.100	Canadian \$ to £A.1	U.S. \$ to £A.1	Francs to £A.1	Francs to £A.1	Rupees to £A.1
1938-39	125.25	100.33	124.70	3.79	3.78	141.75	111.58	10.69
1946-June	125.25	100.25	124.88	3.54	3.22	383.24	141.02	10.64
1949 "	125.25	124.27	124.88	3.22	3.22	875.85	141.02	10.64
1950 "	125.25	124.27	124.88	2.46	2.24	782.44	111.78	10.64
1951 "	125.25	124.27	124.88	2.39	2.24	782.44	111.78	10.64
1952 "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.18	2.22	776.35	111.66	10.64
1953 "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.19	2.25	784.71	111.76	10.64
1954 "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.21	2.25	784.84	112.15	10.64
1955 "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.21	2.23	780.74	111.71	10.64
1956 "	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.20	2.24	783.64	111.12	10.65
1956 : August	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.18	2.22	783.23	111.06	10.65
September	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.17	2.22	783.73	111.13	10.65
October	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.16	2.22	784.81	111.51	10.65
November	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.14	2.22	784.10	111.37	10.65
December	125.25	124.27	125.04	2.13	2.22	785.01	111.78	10.65

## 45. Interest Rates, New South Wales

Period	First Mortgages Registered*	Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†		Trading Banks‡				Savings Bank Deposits‡		Treasury Bills§ (Discount)	
				Fixed Deposits			Over-draft (Max.)	To £500	£500 to £1,000		
		Short-dated : 2 years	Long-dated : 12 years	3 months	24 months	To £10,000	Over £10,000				
Per cent. per annum											
Year : 1938-39	5.4	3.67	3.85	2.00	3.00	3.00	5.75	2.00	1.75	1.75	
1945-46	4.6	2.18	3.24	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.75	2.00	1.00	1.00	
1948-49	4.4	2.07	3.15	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75	
1949-50	4.4	1.95	3.13	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75	
1950-51	4.4	1.99	3.21	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75	
1951-52	4.4	2.05	3.95	0.50	1.50	1.00	4.50	2.00	1.00	0.75	
1952-53	4.7	3.03	4.54	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00	
1953-54	4.9	3.10	4.44	1.00	1.75	1.50	5.00	2.25	1.25	1.00	
1954-55	5.2	3.49	4.50	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
1955-56	5.8	4.39	4.76	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
1955 : December	5.7	4.19	4.53	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
1956 : January	5.8	4.13	4.54	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
February	5.8	4.26	4.57	1.25	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
March	5.9	4.68	5.12	2.25	3.00	3.00	5.00	2.50	1.25	1.00	
April	5.9	4.97	5.18	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
May	6.0	5.02	5.19	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
June	6.1	5.13	5.34	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
July	6.2	4.68	5.15	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
August	6.3	4.70	5.05	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
September	6.4	4.99	5.04	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
October	6.5	4.68	5.05	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
November	6.6	4.60	5.07	2.25	3.00	3.00	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	
December	6.6	4.69	5.09	2.25	3.50	3.50	6.00	2.75	2.75	1.00	

\* Weighted average rate on first mortgages registered, where mortgagee is a corporation (other than a bank or a building society), or an individual. Mortgages taken by Government Agencies are excluded. Average for year or for 3 months ended month shown. † Compiled by Commonwealth Bank; average for year or as at last Wednesday in month. ‡ Rate current at end of Period.

§ £500 to £1,300 until March, 1942; £500 to £1,500 from June, 1954 to March, 1956. From 1st April, 1956 the rate on excess over £1,000 up to £1,500 is 1½ per cent.

## 46. Index of Value of Shares on Sydney Stock Exchange

The index relates to the value of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks), whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 34 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made for changes in capital structure. Minor revisions were made in the composition of the index in August, 1956.

Month	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies	10 Retail Companies	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies	4 Insurance Companies	Total, 75*	34 Active Shares included in foregoing
1939 : Aug.	212.6	168.2	118.2	263.9	174.4	181.9
1945 : Sept.	242.7	207.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1949 : June	326.9	274.4	171.7	462.3	242.4	246.4
1950 : June	399.3	318.7	227.4	576.7	293.6	297.5
1951 : June	529.8	397.6	301.6	757.1	366.6	357.0
1952 : June	358.2	257.1	189.0	580.5	256.7	250.7
1953 : June	363.6	265.2	192.8	544.4	254.4	253.7
1954 : June	381.3	310.1	217.7	574.7	274.5	282.2
1955 : June	426.6	403.4	247.0	578.5	314.5	314.8
1956 : Jan.	429.1	420.0	259.1	581.6	316.1	315.5
Feb.	425.6	419.0	258.8	578.9	314.2	313.5
Mar.	418.0	407.5	251.3	557.5	307.9	304.0
Apr.	415.7	404.6	244.0	560.1	305.7	302.2
May	410.9	387.2	238.2	562.6	301.1	299.2
June	399.7	377.7	234.5	566.3	295.5	293.2
July	397.8	370.8	242.4	573.7	294.4	294.0
Aug.	405.1	376.2	249.7	608.2	300.1	303.9
Sept.	416.2	376.5	253.0	643.6	305.8	309.7
Oct.	423.8	377.0	261.2	661.9	308.2	312.2
Nov.	416.8	368.9	257.6	680.2	304.6	307.2
Dec.	418.4	362.5	251.7	671.9	303.1	306.2

\* Including 34 miscellaneous companies.

**47. Real Estate Transactions and Crop, Wool, and Stock Mortgages Registered in New South Wales**

Period	Real Estate Conveyances and Transfers	Mortgages*	Crop Liens	Wool Liens†	Livestock Mortgages †	
Number						
Year :		£ thousand				
1938-39	50,295	35,272	25,068	1,908	3,064	1,736
1948-49	86,201	62,229	32,518	333	2,391	2,768
1949-50	105,589	125,952	57,382	460	3,115	2,845
1950-51	108,732	192,311	70,600	309	4,828	3,482
1951-52	95,857	179,581	77,211	514	4,371	3,578
1952-53	82,905	143,909	68,590	462	3,428	2,513
1953-54	92,380	188,032	76,024	476	3,460	2,698
1954-55	98,666	218,799	91,686	544	3,654	2,550
1955-56	91,143	230,300	117,023	896	4,123	2,886
1955: July-Dec.	45,659	122,106	61,567	665	1,928	1,392
1956: July-Dec.	n.y.a.	112,623	58,552	875	2,462	1,736
1955: September	7,545	16,757	8,530	53	269	220
October	6,622	24,045	8,200	101	282	156
November	6,580	19,357	9,141	68	257	228
December	6,401	17,017	8,795	19	309	184
1956: September	7,032	16,680	8,191	115	388	300
October	n.y.a.	22,268	10,237	71	331	354
November	n.y.a.	18,137	10,487	101	375	244
December	n.y.a.	15,502	7,656	53	447	372

\* As consideration is not recorded in many mortgages, the amount is understated; it relates to mortgages in fixed amounts for fixed periods and excludes fluctuating advances secured by mortgage. † Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

**48. Life Assurance, New South Wales**

**(a) New Policies issued (exclusive of annuities)\*.**

Period	Ordinary Department		Industrial Department		Total Sum Assured
	Policies	Sum Assured	Policies	Sum Assured	
Year†: 1939	Number	£ thousand	Number	£ thousand	£ thousand
1948	50,520	18,179	156,787	7,540	25,719
1949	99,282	47,956	115,336	11,076	59,032
1950	94,665	49,357	113,568	11,332	60,689
1951	98,015	58,666	106,754	11,136	69,802
1952	101,683	78,187	97,361	11,526	89,713
1953	110,992	81,270	99,573	13,342	94,612
1954	111,437	86,501	98,547	13,590	100,091
1955	110,302	97,247	91,554	13,313	110,560
	122,516	110,606	86,691	13,520	124,126
1955: Jan.-October	94,764	85,974	71,290	11,029	97,003
1956: Jan.-October	92,753	92,659	73,784	11,530	104,189
1955: August	11,220	10,091	8,258	1,315	11,406
September	14,515	11,414	9,653	1,524	12,938
October	8,153	8,220	7,214	1,097	9,317
1956: August	9,826	10,697	8,075	1,299	11,996
September	11,460	11,454	10,905	1,744	13,198
October	8,773	10,563	6,488	1,041	11,604

\* Includes operations of Government Insurance Office of New South Wales. † Annual figures are aggregates of yearly returns for "various balance" dates (mainly in September or December of year specified).

**(b) New Loans Granted by Life Assurance Companies in New South Wales\* (exclusive of advances of premiums).**

Period	On Mortgage of Real Estate	On Companies' Policies	On Other Securities	Total Loans Granted
Year :	£ thousand			
1948	5,828	861	2,540	9,229
1949	9,264	931	2,913	13,108
1950	16,184	1,117	3,873	21,174
1951	20,433	1,228	4,935	26,596
1952	16,506	1,771	3,470	21,747
1953	14,775	1,436	2,426	18,637
1954	14,298	1,500	1,901	17,699
1955	22,039	1,873	1,972	25,884
1955: Jan.-October	17,160	1,516	1,625	20,301
1956: Jan.-October	15,371	1,951	1,397	18,719
1955: August	1,793	166	140	2,099
September	1,755	158	146	2,059
October	1,757	179	158	2,094
1956: August	1,645	222	121	1,988
September	1,465	199	106	1,770
October	1,351	194	214	1,759

\* The Government Insurance Office of New South Wales is not included.

**49. Commonwealth Government: Revenue and Expenditure**

Item		July-December		EXPENDITURE	
		1955	1956	Item	1955
£ thousand					
<b>Taxes—</b>					
Customs	...	46,259	36,440	<b>Social Services—</b>	
Excise	...	79,024	108,401	Invalid, Age Pensions	48,512
Sales	...	53,341	59,996	Child Endowment	33,417
Income Tax and Social Services Contribution	...	148,409	141,457	Hospital Benefits	4,518
Payroll	...	22,270	24,042	Pharmaceutical Benefits	4,765
Estate	...	4,943	5,788	Other	14,069
Other	...	900	899	<b>Total, Social Services</b>	<b>105,281</b>
<b>Total Taxes</b>	...	<b>355,146</b>	<b>377,023</b>		<b>108,779</b>
Post Office	...	39,267	42,860	<b>To States—</b>	
Broadcasting and Television	...	2,059	2,367	Tax Reimbursements	62,778
Railways	...	1,926	2,186	Other	29,854
Territories	...	11,109	11,178	Capital Works	53,197
Other	...	22,583	16,302	Post Office	39,391
<b>Total Revenue*</b>	...	<b>422,090</b>	<b>441,916</b>	<b>Broadcasting and Television</b>	<b>2,538</b>
				Railways†	1,481
				Territories†	6,285
				Defence Services	79,093
				War Services, 1914-18 & 1939-45†	37,136
				Subsidies	8,676
				Debt Charges	37,596
				Other	39,342
				<b>Total Expenditure*</b>	<b>502,648</b>
					<b>534,390</b>

\* Excludes self-balancing items in the six months ended December amounting to £4,385,000 in 1955 and £3,792,000 in 1956.

† Excluding debt charges.

Expenditure from Loan Fund for War and Repatriation in the six months ended December (£2,311,000 in 1955 and £2,511,000 in 1956) is included above. Other loan expenditure in this period consisted of Advances to States for Housing, £12,625,000 in 1955 and £8,143,000 in 1956, and provision of emergency storage for wheat, £2,702,000 in 1955.

Commonwealth Treasury Bills on issue in Australia at the end of December amounted to £255,000,000 in 1955 and £270,000,000 in 1956.

## 50. New South Wales Government: Revenue and Expenditure

REVENUE				EXPENDITURE			
Item		July-December		Item		July-December	
		1955	1956			1955	1956
Governmental—		£ thousand				£ thousand	
From Commonwealth—				Interest, Exchange, Sinking Fund and Loan Management		15,016	16,027
Towards Interest	...	1,459	1,459	Less—Recoups from other Activities	...	2,982	3,644
Reimbursement of Taxes	...	24,596	26,117				
Stamp and Probate Duty	...	9,027	10,486	Net Debt Charges	...	12,034	12,383
Other Taxes	...	2,768	2,624	Other than Debt Charges—			
Land	...	1,476	1,629	Governmental	...	46,334	49,722
Services	...	2,421	2,879	Business Undertakings—			
Other	...	6,329	6,679	Railways	...	35,646	38,496
		48,076	51,873	Trams and Buses	...	6,577	6,907
Total Governmental	...			Sydney Harbour	...	1,058	1,010
Business Undertakings—							
Railways	...	38,547	40,259				
Trams and Buses	...	5,741	6,877				
Sydney Harbour	...	1,564	1,506				
Total Revenue	...	93,928	100,515	Total Expenditure	...	101,649	108,518

Loan Expenditure on works and services in the six months ended December was gross £22,371,000 and net (i.e., gross, less repayments to loan account) £21,973,000 in 1955, compared with gross £24,601,000 and net £23,226,000 in 1956.

### 51. Australian Export Price Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician from prices of twenty commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all Australian exports. The prices are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) in the years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100

Period	Wool	Wheat	Butter	Metals*	Meats†	All Groups £	
						Excluding Gold	Including Gold
1955: 3 § (a)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	100.00	100.00
§ (b)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	...	...
Year : 1938-39	79	66	101	84	96	82	83
1945-46	117	213	147	196	123	148	146
1950-51	999	432	271	689	209	690	654
1951-52	564	436	291	811	263	495	473
1952-53	616	445	313	504	314	505	483
1953-54	615	411	325	450	338	496	474
1954-55	538	357	313	511	344	450	431
1955-56	464	324p	320	562	355p	414p	397p
1955: September	437	334	313	545	398	404	388
October	437	329	337	543	408	406	390
November	437	323	364	549	383	407	391
December	453	315	368	575	364p	414p	398p
1956: January	460	313	361	590	348p	416p	400p
February	460	311	328	592	331p	411p	395p
March	453	312	304	592	322p	404p	388p
April	468	310	273	579	317p	406p	390p
May	498	316p	265	556	324p	420p	403p
June	505p	317rp	299	548	335p	428p	411p
July	490	323p	272	549	343p	419p	403p
August	520	326p	261	558	347p	434p	416p
September	566p	326p	284	562	348rp	460rp	440rp
October	551p	330p	260	559	349p	450p	431p

\* Non-ferrous—Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. † Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. ‡ Includes also sugar, dried fruits, tallow, and hides. § Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups" (a) including Gold and (b) excluding Gold. || Nominal.

zinc, lead. † Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. ‡ Includes also  
 § Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups" (a)  
 || Nominal.

## 52. Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. Commodities are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. Prices are drawn mainly from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials, and one or two minor commodities, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets.

Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100

Period	Metals and Coal	Textiles	Building Materials	Total Basic Materials	Foodstuffs and Tobacco *	Goods Principally Imported†	Goods Principally Home-produced *	Total, All Groups *
Year : 1938-39	103	82	97	99	101	99	100	100
1950-51	256	641	268	264	229	256	240	244
1951-52	343	577	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53	392	607	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54	388	566	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55	391	510	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56	404	456	415	345	325	292	352	334
1955:	Aug.	397	452	398	337	328	353	332
	Sept.	405	441	398	340	327	351	333
	Oct.	405	441	398	340	324	289	332
	Nov.	404	437	407	342	320	291	346
	Dec.	404	447	407	342	319	291	329
1956:	Jan.	405	453	407	343	320	288	348
	Feb.	405	453	408	343	318	288	346
	Mar.	405	446	425	350	328	299	354
	April	403	456	442	353	328	303	355
	May	410	477	444	357	333	304	344
	June	409	482	444	357	328	299	358
	July	410	461	444	358	330	301	341
	Aug.	409	481	445	362	329p	303p	361p
	Sept.	411	513	467	368	329p	309p	363p
	Oct.	410p	503p	467	367p	325p	310p	344p

\* Reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions

† Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index. This Index does not measure changes in import prices generally.

### 53. Wholesale Price Indexes: Various Countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France, the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.

Base : Average for 3 years ended June, 1939=100

Period	Australia *	New Zealand	South Africa	Canada	U.S.A. †	Sweden	United Kingdom ‡		France	India
							§	¶		
Year : 1936-37	99	96	97	101	104	98				Base: Year ended August, 1939=100
1937-38	101	102	103	104	101	103				
1938-39	100	102	100	95	95	99				
1951-52	297	243	252	229	213	285	175	128	145	414
1952-53	319	252	269	216	209	278	152	126	141	385
1953-54	319	248	270	214	209	268	143	125	137	397
1954-55	322	249	274	211	208	272	147	127	135	363
1955-56	334	253	283	217	212	290	155	133	139	376
1956 : Mar.	338	254	283	218	213	295	156	135	140	387
Apr.	339	256	283	219	215	296	155	135	141	391
May	344	257	282	220	216	295	156	135	143	390
June	341	258	281	221	216	298	155	135	141	398
July	343	262	281	221	216	294	154	136	140	409
Aug.	344p	265	282	222	217	293r	156	136	142	419
Sept.	347p	266	284	222	218	292	157	136	142	422p
Oct.	344p	267	n.y.a.	222	218	n.y.a.	155	136	142	419p

\* Reconstructed as from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions.

† Current series linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date. ‡ Compilation of the general wholesale price index previously published ceased after December, 1955. § Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry. ¶ All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco.

### 54. Retail Price Index Numbers ("C" Series)

Base : Weighted Average for six Capital Cities in 1923-27=1000

(a) Sydney (Group Indexes and Total "C" Series Index)

Quarter	Food and Groceries	Rent, 4 and 5 Rooms	Clothing	Miscellaneous Items	Total "C" Series Index †
1939 : September	930	1039	841	939	933
1945 : June	1040	1043	1410	1163	1141
1947 : June	1096	1044	1540	1187	1194
1949 : June	1384	1048	1980	1347	1425
1951 : June	1943	1051	2819	1689	1875
1953 : June	2669	1274	3305	2044	2360
1954 : June	2703	1320	3257	2045	2373
1955 : June	2835	1332	3267	2031	2423
1955 : September / December	2907	1342	3276	2040	2455
	2936	1348	3279	2064	2471
(c)	(d)				
1956 : March	2986	1355	3267	2074	(a) 2490
June	3128	2979	3279	2135	2556
September	3351	3060	3295	2267	2665
December	3173	3048	3328	2348	2624
					(b) 2578

(b) Districts of New South Wales (Total "C" Series Index)

Quarter	Sydney	Newcastle	Broken Hill	Goulburn	Bathurst	Five Towns *
1939 : September	933	897	943	914	881	930
1945 : June	1141	1099	1193	1111	1089	1138
1947 : June	1194	1150	1237	1160	1147	1191
1949 : June	1425	1393	1504	1421	1393	1424
1951 : June	1875	1853	1939	1858	1825	1874
1953 : June	2360	2283	2397	2292	2354	2354
1954 : June	2373	2319	2425	2329	2383	2369
1955 : June	2423	2388	2439	2398	2424	2420
1955 : September / December	2455	2409	2464	2445	2455	2451
	2471	2425	2487	2472	2474	2468
(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	
1956 : March	2490	2461	2444	2419	2465	2482
June	2556	2501	2499	2447	2531	2548
September	2665	2559	2604	2503	2644	2539
December	2624	2578	2575	2528	2641	2567

\* Weighted average for foregoing five towns.

† Comprising foregoing groups.

(a) Aggregate, all groups. (b) All groups excluding price movements of potatoes and onions, cumulated as from September Quarter, 1955. (c) Aggregate, food and groceries group. (d) Food and groceries group excluding price movements of potatoes and onions, cumulated as from September Quarter, 1955.

## 55. Basic Wages: Sydney, Adult Males and Females

Month of Change	State and Commonwealth Awards			Month	Change	State Awards		Commonwealth Awards		
	Amount per week—Males	Month of Change	Amount per week			Males	Females *	Amount per week	Males	
			Males	Females *					Females *	
1947: Feb.	108	1950: Dec.	s. 165†	s. 123 6	1955: Nov.	253	s. 189 6	s.	s. d.	
May	110									
Nov.	112	1951: Feb.	173	129 6	1956: Feb.	255	191 0			
		May	180	135 0	May	256	192 0			
1948: Feb.	114	Aug.	193	144 6	June	263	197 0	253†	189 6†	
May	116	Nov.	207	155 0	Aug.	274	205 6			
Aug.	120				Nov.					
Nov.	122	1952: Feb.	216	162 0						
		May	223	167 0	1957: Feb.	270	202 6			
1949: Feb.	124	Aug.	235	176 0						
May	127	Nov.	237	177 6						
Aug.	130									
Nov.	132	1953: Feb.	238	178 6						
		May	241	180 6						
1950: Feb.	135	Aug.	243‡	182 0‡						
May	138									
Aug.	142									
Nov.	146									

\* None declared by Commonwealth Arbitration Court until December, 1950. Under State Awards, the amount shown represents the minimum wage per week payable to adult females.

† Increase resulting from judgment of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court.

‡ Quarterly adjustments for movements in retail prices were suspended in September, 1953, in both Commonwealth and State Awards. They were restored in State Awards in N.S.W. in November, 1955.

### 56. Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rates and Average Weekly Hours of Labour, New South Wales

Compiled by Commonwealth Statistician. The nominal wage and hour figures are in course of revision. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms.

End of Month	Average Nominal Weekly Wage Rate				Average Weekly Standard Working Hours	
	Amount—shillings		Index Number		Adult Males	Adult Females
	Adult Males	Adult Females	Adult Males*	Adult Females†		
1939: Sept.	95.8	52.7	1870	1	1939	44.0
1945: Sept.	121.1	72.3	2362		2660	43.5
1947: June‡	132.7	82.3	2589		3029	43.5
1948: June§	149.1	92.4	2909		3402	40.0
1949: June	165.4	103.5	3227		3811	40.0
Dec.	171.9	108.1	3355		3979	40.0
1950: June	179.3	114.3	3499		4206	40.0
Dec.	209.5	139.9	4088		5150	40.0
1951: June	228.6	151.0	4461		5558	40.0
Dec.	255.0	171.1	4975		6296	40.0
1952: June	270.4	183.1	5277		6738	40.0
Dec.	284.7	193.9	5555		7138	40.0
1953: June	289.8	196.7	5655		7240	40.0
Dec.	296.6	198.4	5788		7302	40.0
1954: June	296.7	198.5	5790		7305	40.0
Dec.	298.3	198.6	5820		7311	40.0
1955: Mar.	302.2	201.0	5896		7398	40.0
June	302.6	201.0	5904		7398	40.0
Sept.	303.1	201.7	5914		7424	40.0
Dec.	310.1	205.2	6051		7553	40.0
1956: Mar.	312.9	205.9	6106		7579	40.0
June	317.3	211.4	6192		7779	40.0
Sept. p	321.8	212.8	6278		7834	40.0

\* Base: Weighted average for Australia in April, 1911 (51s. 3d.) = 1000.  
Australia in April, 1914 (27s. 2d.) = 1000.

† Base: Weighted average for

Forty-hour week under State Awards from 1st July, 1947.

‡ Forty-hour week under Commonwealth Awards from 1st January, 1948.

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